

MINUTES OF BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MILLARD COUNTY THE 20th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2022
AT THE COURTHOUSE, FILLMORE, UTAH

PRESENT: Evelyn Warnick. Chairperson
Dean Draper. Commissioner
Bill Wright. Commissioner

Pat Finlinson. County Attorney
Marki Rowley. County Clerk
Kayla Freeman. Deputy County Clerk

ALSO PRESENT: Sierra Dickens. County Recorder
Sheri Dearden. County Treasurer
Bonnie Smith. County Auditor
Cyndee Probert. Justice Court Judge
Sam Stevens, Mike Monroe, Austin Monroe, Darren Mason, Jeremy Petersen,
Morgan Tolbert, Justin Poulsen, Tysen Ingram, Wade Allred,
Mark Stevens, William Nichols, Jim Giles, Bruce Giles,
Michael Camden, and Joseph Taylor. County Road Department
William Lister. West County Recreation
Devan Wilcox, John Higgins, David Edwards,
and Russell Finlinson. County Landfill Department
Richard Jacobson, Pat Bennett, and Kim Rowell. County Sheriff’s Office
Robert Stevens. County Weeds Department
Kalen Taylor, Eva Timothy, and MaKayla Shank USU Extension
Klint Penney. East County Maintenance
Vicki Lyman and Trevor Johnson Commissioner Elect
Alex Winder. Lifetime Holdings
Dennis Alldredge and Matt Kolste. Citizens
Matt Ward. Chronicle Progress

PURSUANT TO AN AGENDA WHICH HERETOFORE HAD BEEN PROVIDED TO each member of the governing body, posted at the principal office of the Millard County Commission, posted on the Utah Public Notice Website, and provided to the Millard County Chronicle Progress, a newspaper of general circulation within Millard County, Utah, as required by law, the following proceedings were had:

PUBLIC WAS WELCOMED

The meeting began at 10:00 a.m. after a brief welcome by Commissioner Warnick to the public and Commission members.

OPENING STATEMENTS

Commissioner Warnick asked if anyone had an opening statement to give. Commissioner Draper said the invocation. Everyone stood and said the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 6, 2022 COMMISSION MINUTES

The proposed minutes of a regular County Commission meeting held December 6, 2022 were presented for consideration and approval. Following review, Commissioner Wright made a motion to approve the minutes of December 6, 2022.

Commissioner Draper SECONDED the motion. The voting was unanimous and the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 6, 2022 BUDGET HEARING MINUTES

The proposed minutes of a County Commission Budget Hearing held December 6, 2022 were presented for consideration and approval. Following corrections by Commissioner Draper, it was decided to wait until the corrections have been made before approving the minutes.

FOLLOW UP ACTION ITEMS FROM DECEMBER 6 2022

Commissioner Wright asked if Attorney Finlinson had drafted a letter of response to Fillmore City in regards to their landfill offer. Attorney Finlinson affirmed that he had written and emailed the letter to the commissioners for approval.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF CREDIT CARD, CELLPHONE, AND FUEL ALLOWANCES FOR RACHEL WEST IN THE FAIR AND TOURISM DEPARTMENT

Commissioner Warnick explained the request. Auditor Smith explained that \$2,000.00 is the current credit card limit for employees in the department and \$40.00 a month for the cellphone allowances.

Commissioner Wright made a motion to approve the credit card, cellphone, and fuel allowances for Rachel West in the Fair and Tourism Department.

Commissioner Draper SECONDED the motion. The voting was unanimous and the motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF USU EXTENSION ONE-TIME INFLATION BONUS FOR EMPLOYEES

Eva Timothy, the USU Extension Director, explained that her employees are USU employees that are funded by the County. She is looking to have them be given the one time inflation bonus. She explained that in order for it to go into affect on her 2022 budget with USU, she needs

Commission approval by December 21, 2022.

Director Timothy presented one option for funding this bonus; using the County's LATCF funds in the 2022 County Budget. Auditor Smith explained that the budget opens December 27, 2022 which is past the USU deadline.

Director Timothy then explained the second option of using leftover money in her general fund budget. Commissioner Draper also said that it would need to be discussed on December 27, 2022.

Auditor Smith said that because the amounts are known, Director Timothy can apply through USU for the bonus, and then the Commission can discuss it on the December 27, 2022 and cut a check to reimburse USU.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF THE 2022 FRAUD RISK ASSESSMENT

Auditor Smith presented the 2022 Fraud Risk Assessment for the County. She explained that the County is in the low risk profile.

Commissioner Wright made a motion to approve the 2022 Fraud Risk Assessment. Commissioner Draper SECONDED the motion. The voting was unanimous and the motion carried

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REVIEW

Treasurer Dearden and Auditor Smith presented the monthly financial review for November 2022.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL TO AMEND RESOLUTION 22-12-06A TO INCLUDE ALL OTHER FUNDS AS NECESSARY TO COVER THE MEDICAL PREMIUM HOLIDAY UP TO \$31,000.00 AND TO INCLUDE ALL OTHER FUNDS AS NECESSARY TO COVER THE INFLATION ADJUSTMENT BONUSES UP TO \$233,000.00.

Attorney Finlinson explained that there was nothing factually wrong with the resolution, but that Auditor Smith requested that more details be added. Attorney Finlinson then expounded upon the changes that were made.

Commissioner Draper made a motion to approve amending Resolution 22-12-06A, a resolution of the Board of County Commissioners of Millard County, Utah, to include all other funds as necessary to cover the medical premium and to include all other funds as necessary to cover the inflation adjustment bonuses.

Commissioner Wright SECONDED the motion. Clerk Rowley called for a roll call vote. Commissioner Draper voted YES. Commissioner Wright voted YES. Commissioner Warnick voted YES. The voting was unanimous and the motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 22-12-20, A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MILLARD COUNTY, UTAH, TRANSFERRING UNENCUMBERED OR UNEXPECTED APPROPRIATION BALANCES IN THE 2022 BUDGET FROM ONE DEPARTMENT IN A FUND TO ANOTHER DEPARTMENT WITHIN THE SAME FUND

Auditor Smith explained that this is something that is done at the end of each year to make sure that all expenses are covered; She requested up to \$200,000.00 in Fund 10 and \$50,000.00 in Fund 15 for unknown expenses.

Attorney Finlinson explained the structure of the budget and said that there is no new spending anticipated just that there may be a need to balance the budget.

The commissioners decided to wait on this resolution until the budget is opened December 27, 2022, when Auditor Smith will bring more details.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE ZONING ORDINANCE MAP AMENDMENT APPLICATION # Z-2022-050 REQUESTING TO CHANGE THE ZONING OF APPROXIMATELY 88.30 ACRES OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT APPROXIMATELY 7 MILES SOUTHWEST OF KANOSH AT THE INTERSECTION OF HIGHWAY 91 & INTERSTATE 15 FROM AGRICULTURE 20 (AG 20) TO HIGHWAY COMMERCIAL (HC). BEAVER VALLEY JOINT VENTURE, APPLICANT

Commissioner Draper made a motion to enter into a public hearing for the purpose of receiving public comment on changing the zoning of approximately 88.30 acres of property located at approximately 7 miles southwest of Kanosh at the intersection of Highway 91 & Interstate 15 from Agriculture 20 (Ag 20) to Highway Commercial (HC).

Commissioner Wright SECONDED the motion. The voting was unanimous and the motion carried. The public hearing began at 10:30 a.m..

Present were: Auditor Smith, Treasurer Dearden, Recorder Dickins, Director Rowell, Captain Bennett, Sheriff Jacobson, Director Rowell, Supervisor Higgins, Supervisor Penney, Vicki Lyman, Trevor Johnson, Sam Stevens, Mike Monroe, Austin Monroe, Darren Mason, Jeremy Petersen, Morgan Tolbert, Justin Poulsen, Tysen Ingram, Wade Allred, Mark Stevens, William Nichols, Jim Giles, Bruce Giles, Michael Camden, and Joseph Taylor, Kalen Taylor, Eva Timothy, Makayla Shank, Judge Probert, Dennis Alldredge, Matt Kolste, Michael Camden, Joseph Taylor, William Lister, Devan Wilcox, David Edwards, Russell Finlinson, Robert Stevens, Alex Winder, Dennis Alldredge, Matt Kolste, and Matt Ward

Planner Richins explained that this piece of property is not currently being used for agricultural, but would make a ideal location for a gas station or similar business. The owners are looking to sell the property to a company who is looking to rezone it to meet their business needs.

Dennis Alldredge spoke in opposition to this application and said that it would be

detrimental to Fillmore, Meadow, and Scipio as it would take business away from those towns which already have established expansion plans He also explained that where it is County land, it would be cheaper for businesses to build there rather than in the cities, which would also draw businesses away from the towns. He also explained the difficulties this change could cause for water and power. He said that they are asking for too much land be changed.

Alex Winder, a representative with the development company Lifetime Holdings, explained that they plan on doing only electric vehicle charging stations as it is half way between St. George and Salt Lake, along with a dog park and a small convenience store.

Dennis Alldredge explained that the cities are already planning for these services.

Eva Timothy, a resident of Kanosh, asked where the tax dollars would go. It was explained that it would go to the County because the land is not within Kanosh town limits. She explained that this provides good growth and job opportunities for the Kanosh community.

Planner Richins explained the principles used by planning and zoning for towns and cities and the purpose that they have. He said he is not there to approve future plans but rather make zoning changes that would provide the best benefits to the County.

Commissioner Wright made a motion to close the public hearing.

Commissioner Draper SECONDED the motion. The voting was unanimous and the motion carried. The public hearing closed at approximately 10:42 a.m..

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE 22-12-20 AN ORDINANCE OF THE MILLARD COUNTY COMMISSION CHANGING THE ZONING OF APPROXIMATELY 88.30 ACRES OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT APPROXIMATELY 7 MILES SOUTHWEST OF KANOSH AT THE INTERSECTION OF HIGHWAY 91 & INTERSTATE 15 FROM AGRICULTURE 20 (AG 20) TO HIGHWAY COMMERCIAL (HC)

Planner Richins stated that it is the north east portion of the on ramp. He also explained that UDOT has additional funds to add new intersections and bridges with the understanding that this length of highway will be eventually developed.

Commissioner Draper asked Mr. Winder if his company already owns the land. Mr. Winder said that they are under contract, pending the commissioners' decision.

Commissioner Draper asked what source of power they would use. Mr Winder explained that they have talked to Dixie Power and plan to pull power over two miles to their planned site.

Commissioner Draper explained that in the course of his public service, he had worked on projects that would potentially utilize this stretch of high way, one being to build a climbing lane. In those discussions, it was concluded that there would be heavy truck traffic. If the property is privately owned and Kanosh has no intention to annex it, this would be a great benefit to the County

and it is up to the owners of the land to decide what to do with it.

Commissioner Draper made a motion to adopt Ordinance 22-12-20, an ordinance of the Board of County Commissioners of Millard County, Utah, changing the zoning of approximately 88.30 acres of property located at approximately 7 miles southwest of Kanosh at the intersection of Highway 91 & Interstate 15 from Agriculture 20 (Ag 20) to Highway Commercial (HC).

Commissioner Wright SECONDED the motion. Clerk Rowley called for a roll call vote. Commissioner Wright voted YES. Commissioner Draper voted YES. Commissioner Warnick voted YES. The voting was unanimous and the motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE MILLARD COUNTY STEP AND GRADE POLICY REGARDING POSSIBLE COLA INCREASES TO THE SALARIES AND WAGES OF ELECTED OFFICIALS AND THEIR CHIEF DEPUTIES

Commissioner Wright made a motion to enter into a public hearing for the purpose of receiving public comment on the Millard County step and grade policy regarding possible COLA increases to the salaries and wages of elected officials and their chief deputies.

Commissioner Draper SECONDED the motion. The voting was unanimous and the motion carried. The public hearing began at 10:52 a.m..

Present were: Auditor Smith, Treasurer Dearden, Recorder Dickins, Director Rowell, Captain Bennett, Sheriff Jacobson, Director Rowell, Supervisor Higgins, Supervisor Penney, Vicki Lyman, Trevor Johnson, Sam Stevens, Mike Monroe, Austin Monroe, Darren Mason, Jeremy Petersen, Morgan Tolbert, Justin Poulsen, Tysen Ingram, Wade Allred, Mark Stevens, William Nichols, Jim Giles, Bruce Giles, Michael Camden, and Joseph Taylor, Kalen Taylor, Eva Timothy, Makayla Shank, Judge Probert, Dennis Alldredge, Matt Kolste, Michael Camden, Joseph Taylor, William Lister, Devan Wilcox, David Edwards, Russell Finlinson, Robert Stevens, Dennis Alldredge, Matt Kolste, and Matt Ward

Commissioner Warnick explained that the second half of the resolution is for the COLA increase for the Elected Officials and their Chief Deputies.

No other comments were made.

Commissioner Wright made a motion to close the public hearing.

Commissioner Draper SECONDED the motion. The voting was unanimous and the motion carried. The public hearing closed at approximately 10:54 a.m..

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 22-12-20A, A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MILLARD COUNTY, UTAH, ADOPTING THE FINAL BUDGET FOR MILLARD COUNTY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023 AND INCREASING SALARY AND WAGES OF ELECTED OFFICIALS AND THEIR CHIEF

DEPUTIES

Commissioner Wright expressed his opinion in opposition to this resolution, that rather the County should work on decreasing its deficit spending and concentrate on elected officials next year.

Auditor Smith explained that this resolution is to adopt the 2023 budget. Commissioner Wright suggested that the Commission separate the resolution into two parts; one for the budget and one for the elected officials where they could vote on them separately. He then made a motion to reject the resolution. The motion died by lack of a second.

Commissioner Draper suggested comment by each Commissioner.

Commissioner Draper stated that it is archaic to tie the Chief deputy's pay to the elected official they serve. Rather, it would be better move them on to the step and grade. Then if there is a bonus or COLA, they would be considered as a normal employee and wouldn't need special action by the Commission. He said that inflation has hit everyone. He agreed that some elected officials should not be considered for COLAs, but that chief deputies should be.

Commissioner Draper said that anybody not elected should get a COLA at 8 percent and then add 8 percent on top of that. He said that he is not in favor of passing this resolution without a COLA increase to all employees and all elected officials, not including the commissioners.

Commissioner Wright agreed on the matter of the chief deputies, but said that he could not support the resolution as it is currently drafted.

Auditor Smith explained that if the chief deputies are untethered from their respective elected officials, then the possibility arises that they may eventually earn more than the elected official.

Commissioner Wright suggested that this action could always happen later.

Commissioner Draper said that even if the chief deputy's pay exceeds the elected official it does not undermine the power of the elected official.

The Commission decided to add a resolution to untether chief deputies from their elected officials for the December 27, 2022 special meeting and to decide upon the step and grade for chief deputies.

Auditor Smith explained that the Commission can't adopt budget unless these decisions concerning this resolution have been made either today or next week.

Commissioner Wright asserted again that the County has to focus on reducing deficit spending in order to get the deficit under \$2,000,000.00. He said that if that can happen, he is then willing to move forward.

Commissioner Draper said the funds for these bonuses and wage increases are there now and it is not deficit spending.

Auditor Smith explained that the County is has a deficit totaling \$1,200,000.00.

Commissioner Warnick explained that the Commission budgeted \$1,000,000.00 to fund the suggestions from 2022 Pay Point study. Where the funds have not been used, the Commission could use those funds for the one time bonuses for all employees. She also suggested that the 2023 budget include a seven percent COLA and a \$3.00 raise for the Sheriff's Office, the Road department, and Landfill employees. She also suggested that the bonus should include benefits.

Commissioner Wright agreed that this plan does provide a fairer distribution of funds that are already budgeted. This would help mitigate some of the ongoing problems with County employees being concerned with how others are being paid in comparison with their own pay.

Commissioner Draper said that the \$3.00 raise is not enough and should be \$4.00 at minimum. It is not enough for the County to retain and recruit. He said that he understands you can't count your eggs before they hatch, but the County needs to provide security to employees. He proposed a \$4.00 raise, a \$5000.00 bonus for every one, and seven percent COLA increase.

Auditor Smith said that if they were to add benefits to the bonus, the numbers per employee would be slightly different depending on if the employee is in Tier 1 or Tier 2 retirement plan, but it would roughly cost \$75,000.00 to all those who have already been paid the bonus. It would cost close to \$180,000.00 more if it is was paid to all employees. She concluded that if everyone received the bonus including the County paid benefits, then it would roughly total \$831,500.00.

Commissioner Warnick said that they have the funds but they need the exact figures of where they would land within the \$1,000,000.00 that was budgeted for the Paypoint Study and how the 2023 would reflect those changes.

At 11:32 a.m., the Commissioners took a break to give the Auditor's office time to make budget changes that reflect the requested \$4.00 wage increase for POST-certified law enforcement officers, Road, and Landfill employees, \$5000.00 one time bonuses for every one with benefits paid by the county, and a seven percent COLA increase for everybody else. The meeting reconvened at 12:55 p.m.

Auditor Smith presented two draft versions of the 2023 Budget; one with a \$4.00 an hour wage increase and one with a \$3.50 wage increase for POST-certified law enforcement officers, Road, and Landfill employees.

Commissioner Draper suggested the \$4.00 wage increase and seven percent COLA to everyone.

Commissioner Warnick suggested that the wage increase only be applied to POST-certified law enforcement officers, Road, and Landfill employees and the COLA to everyone but POST-certified, Road, and Landfill employees, to which Commissioner Wright agreed.

Commissioner Wright said that in spirit of finalizing the budget, he would agree to the \$4.00 per hour wage increase but could not agree with elected officials receiving a COLA or bonus.

Commissioner Draper made a motion to approve Resolution 22-12-20A, a resolution of the Board of County Commissioners of Millard County, adopting the final budget for Millard County for fiscal year 2023, including a \$4.00 per hour wage increase POST-certified law enforcement officers, Road, and Landfill employees, and a seven percent COLA for everybody else, excluding the commissioners

Commissioner Warnick stepped from the chair and SECONDED the motion. Clerk Rowley called for a roll call vote. Commissioner Wright voted NO. Commissioner Draper voted YES. Commissioner Warnick voted YES. The motion carried by the majority vote.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 22-12-20B, A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MILLARD COUNTY, UTAH, AMENDING THE CURRENT STEP AND GRADE SCHEDULE BY ADDING STEP “M” FOR 32 YEARS OF SERVICE

Commissioner Wright made a motion to approve Resolution 22-12-20B, a resolution of the Board of County Commissioners of Millard County, Utah, amending the current step and grade schedule by adding step “M” for 32 years of service.

Commissioner Draper SECONDED the motion. Clerk Rowley called for a roll call vote. Commissioner Draper voted YES. Commissioner Wright voted YES. Commissioner Warnick voted YES. The voting was unanimous and the motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 22-12-20C, A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MILLARD COUNTY, UTAH, ADOPTING A SEPARATE STEP AND GRADE SCHEDULE FOR POST-CERTIFIED PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYEES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ADOPTED 2023 BUDGET

Commissioner Wright made a motion to approve Resolution 22-12-20C, a resolution of the Board of County Commissioners of Millard County, Utah, adopting a separate step and grade schedule for post-certified public safety employees in accordance with the adopted 2023 budget.

Commissioner Draper SECONDED the motion. Clerk Rowley called for a roll call vote. Commissioner Wright voted YES. Commissioner Draper voted YES. Commissioner Warnick voted YES. The voting was unanimous and the motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 22-12-20D, A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MILLARD COUNTY, UTAH, ADOPTING A SEPARATE STEP AND GRADE SCHEDULE FOR ROAD DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ADOPTED 2023 BUDGET

This item was struck from agenda.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 22-12-20E, A RESOLUTION OF

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MILLARD COUNTY, UTAH, ADOPTING A SEPARATE STEP AND GRADE SCHEDULE FOR LANDFILL EMPLOYEES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ADOPTED 2023 BUDGET

Commissioner Wright made a motion to approve Resolution 22-12-20E, a resolution of the Board of County Commissioners of Millard County, Utah, adopting a separate step and grade schedule for Landfill employees in accordance with the adopted 2023 budget.

Commissioner Draper SECONDED the motion. Clerk Rowley called for a roll call vote. Commissioner Draper voted YES. Commissioner Wright voted YES. Commissioner Warnick voted YES. The voting was unanimous and the motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 22-12-20F A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MILLARD COUNTY, UTAH, ADOPTING A SEPARATE STEP AND GRADE SCHEDULE FOR PART-TIME EMPLOYEES WHO AVERAGE ON AN ANNUAL BASIS 20 OR MORE HOURS PER WEEK IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ADOPTED 2023 BUDGET

Commissioner Wright made a motion to approve Resolution 22-12-20F, a resolution of the Board of County Commissioners of Millard County, Utah, adopting a separate step and grade schedule for part-time employees who average on an annual basis 20 or more hours per week in accordance with the adopted 2023 budget.

Commissioner Draper SECONDED the motion. Clerk Rowley called for a roll call vote. Commissioner Draper voted YES. Commissioner Wright voted YES. Commissioner Warnick voted YES. The voting was unanimous and the motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 22-12-20G, A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MILLARD COUNTY, UTAH, ADOPTING A SEPARATE STEP AND GRADE SCHEDULE FOR SEASONAL AND PART-TIME EMPLOYEES WHO AVERAGE ON AN ANNUAL BASIS LESS THAN 20 HOURS PER WEEK IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ADOPTED 2023 BUDGET

Commissioner Wright made a motion to approve Resolution 22-12-20G, a resolution of the Board of County Commissioners of Millard County, Utah, adopting a separate step and grade schedule for seasonal and part-time employees who average on an annual basis less than 20 hours per week in accordance with the adopted 2023 budget.

Commissioner Draper SECONDED the motion. Clerk Rowley called for a roll call vote. Commissioner Draper voted YES. Commissioner Wright voted YES. Commissioner Warnick voted YES. The voting was unanimous and the motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE AWARDED OF BID FOR SHERIFF'S OFFICE VEHICLES

Captain Bennett explained that two bids were received and based on the pricing that were given, they have decided to accept the bid from Sahara Motors at \$39,555.00 for four vehicles.

Commissioner Wright made a motion to award the bid for the Sheriff's Office vehicles to Sahara Motors.

Commissioner Draper SECONDED the motion. The voting was unanimous and the motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT

USU Director Timothy asked if her employees would be included in the COLA. Auditor Smith confirmed that they would be.

OTHER BUSINESS

Captain Bennet brought up the Sheriff's Office's request to restructure some non POST-certified positions.

Commissioner Wright said that if he were consider this, he would be inconsistent as he had already said no to other departments. He said that it would be more appropriate to discuss these recommendations along with all the others that were submitted to him after the new year. Commissioner Warnick agreed with Commissioner Wright while Commissioner Drape stated that he would have supported addressing the changes.

Commissioner Wright also explained that there are many MOU agreements that the County holds with other entities. He wanted to encourage an evaluation of the County MOU's, with the stipulation that they won't be renewed unless they are updated with current circumstances brought into consideration. This will also be addressed after the new commissioners are sworn in.

Commissioner Draper, asked for confirmation that the payment for the County's Washington DC lobbyist contract was paid for this year and if the funds were coming out of the 2023 Budget. Auditor Smith said yes on both counts.

Commissioner Warnick called an order for a special meeting to be held December 27, 2022 and Attorney Finlinson read the proposed agenda.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS COUNTY BOARDS

Commissioner Draper presented Phil Morrison, who is replacing Bob Rogers, to be appointed as a new Planning Commission board member. Planner Richins explained that there were three positions open, with two members David Sturlin and John Nye renewing their service which left the one vacant position to be filled by Mr. Morrison.

Commissioner Draper made a motion to approve the appointment of Phil Morrison and reappointment of David Sturlin and John Nye on the Planning Commission Board.

Commissioner Wright SECONDED the motion. The voting was unanimous and the motion carried.

POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF APPLICATION(S) FOR SETTLEMENT OR DEFERRAL OF DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAX

There were none.

DISCUSSION BY EACH COMMISSIONER, COUNTY ATTORNEY, ELECTED OFFICIAL AND SECRETARY

Commissioner Draper said that Fibernet put in an unsolicited offer to IPP to buy their coal production and carbon captive facility. He read statements from the letter written by Fibernet explaining their position.

POSSIBLE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION (BOE) DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION

Deputy Chief Auditor Bennet presented six late circuit breakers and two late veteran’s abatements for approval.

Commissioner Draper made a motion to approve six late circuit breakers and two late veteran’s abatements.

Commissioner Wright SECONDED the motion. The voting was unanimous and the motion carried.

POSSIBLE REVIEW OF COUNTY POLICIES AND CONTRACTS

There was none.

POSSIBLE CLOSED MEETING PURSUANT TO UTAH CODE ANNOTATED SECTION 52-4-204 & 205

There was none.

WHERE UPON THE MEETING ADJOURNED

Commissioner Warnick adjourned the meeting at 1:36 p.m..

Attest: _____

Approved: _____

