

MINUTES OF BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
MILLARD COUNTY THE 18th DAY OF JULY, 2023  
AT THE COURTHOUSE, FILLMORE, UTAH

PRESENT: Bill Wright..... Chairperson  
Vicki Lyman..... Commissioner  
Trevor Johnson..... Commissioner

Denton Petersen..... Deputy County Attorney  
Kayla Freeman..... Deputy County Clerk

EXCUSED: Pat Finlinson. .... County Attorney  
Marki Rowley. .... County Clerk

ALSO PRESENT: Vicki Bennett. .... Auditor’s Office  
Shonda Robinson and Sierra Dickens ..... Recorder’s Office  
Debra Arnold . .... Interim County Treasurer  
Richard Jacobson..... County Sheriff  
Jacob Nielson..... County HR Director  
Lora Fitch, Susan Wilcox, and Hollie Miller . . . . . County Assessor’s Office  
Heather Williams-Young . . . . . Juab/Millard Children’s Justice Center (CJC)  
Dennis Alldredge, Logan Thomas, Porter Wright Halle Wright. . . . . Citizens  
Brandon George . . . . . Kanosh Irrigation Company  
Scott Barney and Nate Runyan. .... Utah Solar 1 CDA Project

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 Wright to the public and Commission members.

OPENING STATEMENTS

Porter Wright said the invocation. Everyone stood and said the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Commissioner Wright excused Clerk Rowley and Attorney Finlinson.

APPROVAL OF JULY 11, 2023 COMMISSION MINUTES

The proposed minutes of a regular County Commission meeting held July 11, 2023 were presented for consideration and approval. Following review, Commissioner Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes of July 11, 2023 as presented.

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

#### FOLLOW UP ACTION ITEMS FROM JULY 11, 2023

Deputy Clerk Freeman reported that the tax number needed from Distant Peak Engineering was received and their County business license has been issued.

#### APPROVAL OF COUNTY ASSESSOR APPOINTMENT

Commissioner Wright reported that Lora Fitch was selected by the Millard County Republican Party to be the Interim County Assessor to fill the remaining term of office.

Commissioner Lyman made a motion to appoint Lora Fitch as the Interim County Assessor. Commissioner Johnson SECONDED the motion. The voting was unanimous and the motion carried.

#### REPORT/UPDATE ON JUAB/MILLARD CHILDREN'S JUSTICE CENTER (CJC) AND THE VICTIMS OF CRIME ACT (VOCA) GRANT - HEATHER WILLIAMS-YOUNG

Mrs. Williams-Young explained what services are provided by the CJC and the collaboration between the County Sheriff's Office and the CJC. She then gave a report on the past fiscal year.

Sheriff Jacobson testified to the great work that Mrs. Williams-Young and the CJC provides to his office.

Mrs. William-Young explained what the VOCA grant is and how the CJC plans to utilize the grant funds to hire a part-time victim advocate and a part-time forensic interview specialist to provide more services. She then presented the long-term goals that the CJC has through 2025, more specifically building a new facility in Delta.

#### REPORT ON HOBY YOUTH LEADERSHIP SUMMIT - LOGAN THOMAS

Mr. Thomas reported on his experience at the Hoby Youth Leadership Summit and the leadership skills that he learned.

#### KANOSH IRRIGATION COMPANY - BRANDON GEORGE

Commissioner Johnson explained that the Kanosh Irrigation Company has received grant funding for a project to update irrigation ditches; specifically replacing specific ditches with large

pipes. He explained that this that would affect neighboring County roads; therefore, they are looking for collaboration from the County Road Department.

Commission Lyman reported that she has talked to the County Road Department Supervisor and that she received a favorable response for helping with the Kanosh Ditch Project.

Commissioner Wright explained that a meeting should be held with the Attorney's Office to decide what is legally required, followed by an onsite meeting with the Road Supervisor and at least one commissioner in order to fully understand the scope of the project.

Commissioner Johnson expressed his concerns that this may open the door to other interested parties wanting County help with updating ditches.

Mr. George assured that they are only requesting collaboration with the County on ditches that directly impact County roads. He said that with the grant involved, they are looking to proceed with the project during or after October, when the irrigation ditches are no longer being used for the year.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE 23-07-18, AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MILLARD COUNTY, UTAH AMENDING AND RESTATING THE MILLARD COUNTY PROCUREMENT CODE BY CLARIFYING PROCEDURE FOR AWARDED BIDS AND EXEMPTIONS FROM COMPETITIVE BIDDING

This item was struck from the agenda.

PUBLIC INPUT

There was none.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was none.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS COUNTY BOARDS

There were none.

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

There was none.

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

There was none.

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

There was none.

POSSIBLE REVIEW OF COUNTY POLICIES AND CONTRACTS

There was none.

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF MILLARD COUNTY FOR PURPOSE OF DETERMINING UTAH SOLAR 1 CDA PROJECT PROCESS AND PROCEDURE

Nate Runyon and Scott Barney introduced themselves as representatives from the Utah Solar 1 CDA Project.

Commissioner Wright briefly explained that the County recently developed a mission statement that has influenced the Commission's decisions regarding spending County funds. He explained how this has affected the Solar 1 CDA Project negotiations.

Commissioner Lyman expresses her opinion that the County needs to participate in this project, but that a different contract needs to be negotiated.

Mr. Runyon thanked the Commission for its engagement in the project so far. He explained what he sees as the benefits to participating in the project and the protections and scholarships the County would be given.

Commissioner Johnson asked if there was a way to receive a written agreement that included these protections and benefits, including up-front cost reimbursements and liability protection as discussed.

Mr. Runyon said will have Attorney Petersen draft one for them to review and sign.

Attorney Petersen provided a brief time line on what would be necessary in order to move forward and suggested the County use resolutions to implement decisions.

Mr. Runyon suggested authorizing Attorney Petersen to negotiate the budget, to negotiate the reimbursement agreement, to determine how to amend the plan, to send out the 30 day notifications, and to negotiate the administrative agreement in order to meet the September 5, 2025 date.

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

There was none.

WHERE UPON THE MEETING ADJOURNED

Commissioner Wright adjourned the meeting at 11:25 a.m..

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_