

**COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

**JANUARY 16, 2024**

The regular meeting of the Juab County Commission was held January 16, 2024, 10:00 a.m. in the Juab County Commission Chambers, 160 North Main, Nephi, Utah.

Clinton Painter ----- Commissioner

Marty Palmer ----- Commissioner

Marvin Kenison ----- Commissioner

Tanielle Callaway-----Clerk/Auditor

Others present: Myrna Trauntvein, John Crippen, Melanie Cowan, Michelle Bills, Amy Taylor, Carla Whiting

Chairman Palmer welcomed all in attendance. John Crippen offered a word of prayer. Chairman Palmer led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Painter made a motion to accept the minutes from December 27, 2023 and January 2, 2024. Commissioner Kenison seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor.

Amy Taylor came before the Commission for her annual report on the funding for the Victims Advocate Program. The funding previously came from a federal VOCA grant. They will now come from a state grant through the Utah Office for Victims of Crime. VOCA will pay the state the funds. The state funded grant will be more stable and more secure where the federal funds have been decreasing annually. Ms. Taylor provided statistical information regarding the cases and crimes they have assisted with for the past year. The Commissioners thanked Ms. Taylor for her work with the Victims Advocates.

Michelle Bills came before the Commission for their consideration in her home not being placed on the tax sale this year due to delinquent taxes. Ms. Bills indicated she has been on disability and making payments as she can. She presented the Commission with statements showing her income and her monthly bills. The Commissioners provided her contact information to investigate the heat assistance program. Melanie Cowan provided the Commissioners with a statement of her account. Ms. Cowan indicated she will be put on the tax sale this year, due to being five years delinquent. State statute indicates any payments made must be applied to the most current year and not the oldest. Commissioner Painter inquired if she had applied for any of the tax abatement programs. She was told she needed to be current on her taxes to apply for the abatement programs. Ms. Cowan indicated the Commissioners can choose to take her off the tax sale list if there is a payment plan in place. She will also check and see if the Commission can instruct her to apply payments to the oldest tax bill. Commissioner Painter

made a motion to remove Ms. Bills from the tax sale pending a consistent payment plan being put in place with the Treasurer's Office. Commissioner Painter also indicated they would ask the Treasurer to look into seeing if the payment can be applied to the oldest first.

Commissioner Kenison seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor.

Melanie Cowan spoke on behalf of Kerry Tidwell, who was unable to attend the Commission Meeting. He contacted the Treasurer's Office last week. He is requesting a waiver of interest and penalty charges for his taxes. He owes \$1,698.18. He is not on the tax sale. Interest will start accruing in February. He will apply for an abatement next year. Commissioner Painter indicated he would like to see him get a payment plan set up and some progress made on the payments.

Tanielle Callaway came before the Commission for approval to purchase two ballot tabulation machines from ES&S. The state has allotted HAVA funds to counties to upgrade election equipment. Juab County has been allotted approximately \$14,000. The cost for purchasing the two machines would be \$17,000, so there would be some cost for the county. The upgraded equipment would be a benefit to the Clerk's Office in running the elections. She also requested approval to keep one of the old machines as a backup. Commissioner Kenison made a motion to approve the purchase of the two ballot tabulators. Commissioner Painter seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor.

#### **Other Business:**

Commissioner Painter made a motion to approve the Juab County bills as presented.

Commissioner Kenison seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor.

John Crippen presented one personnel action form for Brandy Eldredge at the landfill. She has successfully completed her six-month probation. Commissioner Kenison made a motion to approve the successful completion of the probationary period. Commissioner Painter seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor.

There were also five EMS volunteer personnel action forms. They are Travis Peay, Ryker Spencer, Madison Leonard, Amber Olcott and Makailyn Mora. They are all training volunteers. There was also one personnel action form for Jeremy Schuler, who in the past was previously a full time EMS and is now requesting to come back as a PRN. Commissioner Kenison made a motion to approve the personnel action form. Commissioner Painter seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Kenison made a motion to adjourn the open meeting and move into Executive Session. Commissioner Painter seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor. Chairman Palmer called for a roll call vote.

Commissioner Painter voted, "Aye."

Chairman Palmer voted, "Aye."

Commissioner Kenison voted, "Aye."

Commissioner Kenison made a motion to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned.

ATTEST: Tanielle Callaway

Tanielle Callaway  
Juab County Clerk/Auditor

APPROVED: Marty Palmer

Marty Palmer  
Commission Chair