

COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 20, 2024

The regular meeting of the Juab County Commission was held February 20, 2024, 10:00 a.m. in the Levan Town Hall, 20 N Main, Levan, Utah.

Perry Davis-----County Attorney (absent)
Clinton Painter-----Commissioner
Marty Palmer-----Commissioner
Marvin Kenison-----Commissioner
Carla Whiting-----Chief Deputy Clerk/Auditor

Others present: Myrna Trauntvein, John Crippen, Douglas Anderson, Scott Sorenson, Travis Kenison, Bart Hennagir, Bruce Rowley, Mark Farmer, Jason Vernon, Jamie Garrett, Rachel Goates, Heather Williams-Young, Christine Carrigan, Drake Underwood, Colby Park, Emma Snell, Mika Sperry.

Chairman Palmer welcomed all in attendance. Clint Painter offered a word of prayer. Scott Sorensen led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Palmer made special note to thank the Mayor of Levan and his staff to allow Commission meeting to be held in Levan.

Commissioner Kenison made a motion to accept the minutes from February 5, 2024. Commissioner Painter seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor.

Jason Vernon and Mark Farmer from DWR addressed the Commission. The first item of business was to present the Commissioners with their annual check for \$5707.84 for their payment of in lieu of property taxes. They also presented a letter of thanks of support in the DWR efforts in Juab County. He said the DWR are doing quite a few wildlife projects in Juab County, especially on Nebo. He said that they have transplanted some moose to Nebo, and they have been doing well up there. They are all collared and the DWR are watching how they are doing.

Mark Farmer addressed the commissioners to report on wildlife management and habitat management in Juab County. He presented them with a rough draft report on the plan the DWR has to manage wildlife/habitats in Juab County and asked for their input. He asked for the commissioners to please have their input returned to him by the end of March. He said the final draft will be available on the DWR website. Mark Farmer did mention that they have partnered with some of the local conservation groups/hunting groups to get some of the projects they are working on completed. They said they have been working a lot on trying to work on habitat improvement work to help the wildlife population be able to grow.

Mark Farmer also said that at Burraston Ponds this year they are going to eliminate the rope swing to help reduce crowds. They said they will cut limbs out of trees and post signs to enforce that. Commissioner Palmer also asked if the DWR allows cows to graze the Burraston pond area. Mark Farmer said they will allow a small amount of grazing once every year or so as needed to help keep the grass under control.

Jamie Garrett, Colby Park and Carla Whiting addressed the Commissioners to discuss the special events/mass gathering fees and rules. They proposed that for "small" events such as family parties or events that only for a few hours or less rather than have those events have to pay the \$150 special event application fee have them pay a \$50 deposit that could be transferred to their rental fees. If they cancel that \$50 is not refunded. There will be a separate application for these small events. Commissioner Painter said he liked the idea of the smaller event deposit fee of \$50 and stated that it will need to be on the agenda for the next commission meeting to get it added to the policy. The commissioners agreed that the lease agreement should be changed from cancellation time frame from 48 hours to 1 week. This would need to be changed in the lease agreement and brought before the commission again for approval.

In the lease agreement it says that for religious, political, school entities the \$150 application fee will be waived. So, for these groups rather than have them fill out the special event form to pay the \$150 application fee they will fall under the \$50 deposit that can be transferred to their rental fees.

The question was brought up that there are some groups that have used County facilities for multiple years and expect to continue using the terms of agreement from years ago and if it is going to be required for them to follow the new policy/fees. Commissioner Kenison stated he thinks everyone should be treated the same. More discussion will be had on this subject.

Colby Park made the comment that when a group pays the \$150 application fee with special event application it only puts a pending status on that date. That date is not finalized until they have paid in full all fees. Those fees should be paid 90 days prior to the event, when possible.

Jamie Garrett also made the comment that the insurance liability for the current year for events has raised to \$3,000,000 for small special events and to \$5,000,000 for the large events.

Jamie Garrett also mentioned that she has had a lot of people asking to get into buildings before 7:00 am and asked if it is ok to allow them to utilize the building before that time. Commissioner Painter mentioned that he is okay with them utilizing the building before 7:00 am but with the knowledge that we do not have a person on call and our county offices do not open until 7:00 am if they need to get in touch with a county employee they would have to wait for the offices to be open. Jamie did mention that she frequently gets asked who is on call for weekend events if there is an issue that needs attention after hours or on the weekend. Currently the county does not have an on call person to manage these events/buildings.

Commissioner Palmer said he had received a report the sound system was not working well in the multipurpose building. Jamie Garrett said she would have the sound system company come in and check on getting that fixed.

Jamie Garrett said that we need to have a system in the indoor barn in the event of a power outage to get the door open from the inside so any people inside could get out.

Drake Underwood and Jamie Garrett came before the commission to propose using some of the Homeland Security grant money to purchase barriers that could be used for multiple different events or for security for a variety of needs. They are sturdy but could be easily moved by two people. He proposed that we could get a trailer similar to a 4-wheeler trailer that they could be stored on and moved around easily. The Homeland Security grant money could only be used for purchase of the

barriers. Other funding would need to be found for the trailer purchase. There was discussion about where this could be stored and more discussion will need to be had to decide that. Commissioner Painter made the motion that Lt. Drake can proceed with purchasing the barriers up to the amount of the grant. Commissioner Kenison seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor.

Scott Sorenson addressed the commission. He presented proposed bids for purchasing a medical cart to lock up the medications that can be used in distributing the medications to the inmates safely and effectively. Currently they are using a locking filing cabinet but it is falling apart and is not safe to take out for dispensing medications to the inmates. Scott said there is money in inmate funding that could cover the purchase of this. He would prefer to get a cart that has keyed and keyless features. There were two carts that were within \$20 of each other. The cart that he would like to purchase was the Capsa Cart for \$2200. Commissioner Kenison made the motion to approve purchase of that cart for \$2200. Commissioner Painter seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor.

Scott Sorenson also addressed the commissioners to propose advertising for bids to replace the boiler at the jail. He presented pictures of the current boiler to show the necessity of replacing it. The commissioners agreed to allow him to advertise for bids and he will present those at a future meeting for approval.

Heather Williams-Young from the CJC appeared and stated that in the past the CJC contracted with Insight Wellness for their mental health program. Insight Wellness is no longer going to be traveling to Juab or Millard Counties. Therefore, it was decided to terminate our contract with them. Perry Davis helped Heather write a letter to that effect. Heather did state that our contract was able to be terminated at any time with 30 days' notice. Commissioner Kenison asked what we would do with clients that needed mental health help. Heather stated that right now we do not have a lot of clients with that need that did not have a funding source to cover those services. Commissioner Painter made the motion that the termination letter be approved. Commissioner Kenison seconded the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor. Commissioner Palmer signed the letter.

Heather also wanted to report the bi-annual report. Due to some internet issues prior to the meeting she was only able to present the numbers for October-Dec 2023. Based on that report there were 11 new cases that came into the CJC. For privacy issues she did not give a breakdown as to types of cases. She said for the last 6 months the number of cases were very near normal.

Emma Snell approached the Commissioners on behalf of the EMS. She presented a personnel action form for approval for Josh Thompson, p.r.n paramedic to begin employment. Commissioner Kenison made the motion to approve Josh Thompson for p.r.n employment. Commissioner Painter seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor.

She stated that the doors at the EMS shed in Nephi are no longer safe. They have tried to get three bids but were only able to get one. They recently had one of the doors fall and almost hit an employee. Sometimes the doors will not open or close. They have had some temporary repairs on them but they are to the point that they need to be replaced for safety issues. There are also some other repairs that need to be made but the doors are the top priority now. The bid for the garage doors was \$9432.50. This repair was put in the budget for this year.

There are some windows that need to be replaced in the Eureka EMS building. They received a quote from Penrod Precision. There were 6 other bids that were all significantly higher than that one. Commissioner Painter made the motion to approve purchase of the garage doors for the Nephi building

and windows for the Eureka building. Commissioner Kenison seconded the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor.

Sheriff Doug Anderson came before the commission to propose approval of a bid to get repairs on the K-9 vehicle that was involved in the shooting a few years ago. The bid for repairs from May Automotive. The bid including the replacement of all 4 tires was \$3972. It was decided that for safety all 4 tires should be replaced. It was discussed with John Crippen that the insurance company be asked about having them pay even a portion of these repairs. The repairs are needed because the vehicle had to remain in evidence unable to be touched as a result of the shooting. Sheriff Anderson said there was money in the budget to cover the repairs. Commissioner Kenison made the motion to approve repairs on the K-9 vehicle. Commissioner Painter seconded the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor.

Other Business:

Commissioner Kenison made a motion to approve the Juab County bills as presented. Commissioner Painter seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Kenison made the motion to ratify the bill approved for Tyler Technologies at the last commission meeting, February 5. Commissioner Painter seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Kenison made the motion to ratify the bill approved for the purchase of loader tires for the road department that had been approved at the last commission meeting, February 5. Commissioner Painter seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Palmer presented on behalf of Lynn Ingram from the road department for approval to allow the road department crew to go to asphalt conference. It would cost \$2700 for the entire department to attend that conference. Lynn was not planning on having anyone stay over in Salt Lake for the conference. Commissioner Painter said that if the two employees from the West Desert wanted to attend the conference he would like them to see if it would be cheaper for them to stay over and if so to do that. Commissioner Painter made the motion to approve that expense. Commissioner Kenison seconded the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor.

John Crippen approached the commission to propose consideration of renewing the USDA lease for \$1 for dry farming on the ridge between Nephi and Levan. Commissioner Painter made the motion to approve that expense. Commissioner Kenison seconded the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor. Commissioner Palmer signed the renewal.

Commissioner Kenison made a motion to adjourn the open meeting and move into Executive Session. Commissioner Painter seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. Roll Call: Commissioner Kenison: Aye, Commissioner Painter: Aye, Commissioner Palmer: Aye. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

ATTEST: Tanielle Callaway
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Juab County Clerk/Auditor

APPROVED: Marty Palmer 3-4-2021
Marty Palmer
Commission Chair