

COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

June 18, 2024

The regular meeting of the Juab County Commission was held June 18, 2024, 10:00 a.m. in Juab County Commission Chambers, 160 North Main Street, Nephi, UT.

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, Alicia Kester, Ashton Kester, Kacie Sorensen, Jake Hadfield, Heather Williams-Young, Heather Robertson, Rachel Goates, Amy Taylor, Debbie Zirbes. Brett Cross via Zoom.

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

Commissioner Palmer excused County Attorney, Perry Davis, as he was in court.

Commissioner Kenison made a motion to accept the minutes from June 3, 2024. Commissioner Painter seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor.

Jake Hadfield came before the commission to introduce a new employee, Kacie Sorensen, as Livestock and Horse Coordinator for 4H. She actually started in April of this year and has been doing well in that position. She has a background in agriculture and has a bachelor's degree in Ag Business. The commissioners welcomed her.

Jake also asked the commissioners about the upcoming planned meeting in Callao and if they would like the Extension office to coordinate breakfast and community outreach as they did last year. Commissioner Kenison said he thinks the community appreciated that and would like to see them do it again this year. The Extension office will make plans for those events again this year.

Ashton Kester and Alicia Kester came before the commission to ask them to consider allowing the purchase of another piece of county owned property that is by their recreational property. This piece of property is .1 acres so it would need to go through a bidding process that would be open to the public. Public notice will be made that the county is no longer interested in this piece of property and that it is going up for bid. The bids would be sealed and opened at an open commission meeting. Alicia Kester said they would like the property to preserve the area and enjoy the beauty of this area. Commissioner Painter asked County Recorder Debbie Zirbes about mining rights on that property and she said that would have to be determined through MSHA. Commissioner Painter made a motion to declare property 11 of no valuable and of no interest for Juab County in the future, Commissioner Kenison seconded the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor. Motion passed. John Crippen was given a copy of the lot and information to start the process of bidding.

Debbie Zirbes, Juab County Recorder came before the commission to report that the county received a grant that she applied for. The grant was for \$28,230. She brought the contract to have Commission Palmer sign. Commissioner Kenison made a motion to sign the contract. Commissioner Painter

seconded the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor. Motion passed. Commissioner Palmer signed the contract.

Amy Taylor came before the commission to report and give an update on the Victim's Advocate program. She is no longer getting a VOCA Grant. She is now getting State Funding and it was approved for next year for the same amount as the previous year. She believes it was around \$42,000. She presented the numbers of cases for the last six months to the commissioners. She said that overall, the case numbers were a little bit down so far this year. Commissioner Painter made mention that it is always sad to see the numbers of cases that are being dealt with in our community. Amy made mention that the CJC has been a great resource for her to use. Amy also said that she is on a statewide mass casualty response team which give her and in extension our community a lot of resources in case of such an event

Brett Cross from the EMS Department met with the commissioners via Zoom. He wanted to talk to the commissioners about the remaining money from the \$70,000 grant and propose how they would like to use that money. He said they have currently used about \$25,347. He did thank the commissioner for approving the purchase of FOAMfrat and said that they already had about 30 of the crew members signed up and they have already completed 20 hours of online training on that site. It has been a worthwhile purchase.

The first proposed purchase is to use the University of Utah body donation program where the crew members could go to the University Cadaver Lab and train on cadavers. They would like to purchase time for the use of two cadavers at two different timeslots, to allow all of the crew members to participate, for training and education. The total fee of two timeslots and supplies is \$5,430. Commissioner Kenison wanted to make sure that all crew members would be able to get appropriate training in two sessions and asked if a third session would be needed. Brett said that he would have to do sign up with the crew to make sure that everyone would be able to make it in the two sessions and add a third if needed. Commissioner Kenison made a motion to approve sending EMTs/paramedics for training on cadavers, to purchase two timeslots and three if needed, Commissioner Painter seconded the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

The next proposed purchase was a course for a field training officer program to help limit the amount of turnover. Brett said this would help our experienced EMTs and those that have been part of the crew for a while find some resources to help train the next generation of EMTs. They feel that if we can provide a little better training and support to our current veteran EMTs and volunteers we may be able to have more longevity of some of our newer EMTs. The National EMS Management Association (NEMSA) has an onsite course that they can bring to our crew. It is a 3-day course that costs \$13,000 and will allow training for up to 32 students. They feel that this will really help the crew have a good foundation to help in training the next generation of EMT members. Commissioner Kenison said he liked the recommendation and will make a motion to approve the course training, Commissioner Painter seconded the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

Brett next stated that the computers are very outdated in the EMS Department. They were purchased about 8 to 10 years ago and are not compatible with the FOAMfrat training. He also stated that the iPads in the ambulances are also outdated and not able to be updated with the needed apps and software. They would like to propose purchasing new computers/iPads for training for the Nephi and Eureka stations. The total proposed amount is \$15,073. This will include the purchase of 7 computers at \$1,169 each and 10 iPads at \$539 each and iPad cases for each at \$150 each. They would be

purchased through Apple using the government pricing. Commissioner Palmer said it is probably time to update those. Commissioner Kenison made the motion to purchase updated computers and iPads for the EMS Department for training, Commissioner Painter seconded the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

Brett said that the EMS department recently had a difficult airway course, and it was very well attended. They maxed out the registration attendance. There were participants from Juab, Sanpete and Sevier Counties. Brett said that one of the things they learned during that training was that the current video intubation scopes that Juab has doesn't allow them to use some of the tools needed for managing some of those difficult airways. The video scopes our department has currently have another channel that will not allow them to use some of the new technics and equipment that they learned about in the training. The new video scopes would be \$2,296 a piece plus the blades, etc. would be a total of \$9,242.12 for three video scopes and supplies. They would be able to use these at the cadaver lab in training. This will then allow the medics to use the latest equipment and tools as needed. The blades are disposable and could be billable to the patient as used. Commissioner Kenison made the motion to approve the purchase of the new video scopes. Commissioner Painter seconded the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

Brett said that the county is currently in the grace period for the grant and so all of these purchases need to be made soon. Brett said that they have also purchased some EMT textbooks and access to the My Brady Lab for the EMT class. Brett estimates that with the purchase of the textbooks along with the purchases approved today the entire grant should be used.

Commissioner Painter asked Brett about the First Responder Mental Health grant. He was recently in a meeting that this was talked about, and it was said that only about half of the counties have used this. Juab County has used this grant. As this grant is almost over Commissioner Painter asked if Brett is aware of any further grants along this line. Brett said they are actively looking into this and would like to get more funding for this as it is a help for the first responders in our area.

Heather Williams-Young came before the commissioners to talk about the VOCA grant. She said they are coming up on a new fiscal year for the grant. Every fiscal year the commission chair needs to sign the grant award conditions and certified assurances. She wanted to go over it with the commission so they are aware of what is in it and so they could make a decision if they wanted to authorize the commission chair to sign it. She does not have the copy that needs to be signed as that will be mailed directly to Commissioner Palmer. She said essentially, we agreeing to use the VOCA funding to cover the Victim's Advocate as well as our mental health programming so that the children and their non-offending caregivers can get treatment. Essentially she said we need to agree to comply with Federal regulations on civil rights and whistleblowers, agree that we are going to comply with Federal regulations with approval on conferences, auditing, perform background checks for anyone that works with children, that we will report any personal identifying information breaches or possible breaches, that we will provide interpreting services, that we will manage our budget and use it throughout the fiscal year, that we provide services at no charge to the clients, etc. Commissioner Painter said that it sounded the same as what was signed in the past. Heather agreed that she did not notice anything new in the agreement. Commissioner Painter made a motion to authorize the commission chair to sign the agreement. Commissioner Kenison seconded the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor. Motion passed. Heather said that the document will be sent to Commissioner Palmer to sign via DocuSign and a copy will be given to the clerk.

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 approached the commission to propose to consider personnel action form for longevity increase for Heather Williams-Young who will reach her 5 years mark in July. Commissioner Painter made the motion to approve this longevity for Heather. Commissioner Kenison seconded the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

Robert Lee at the Landfill has completed his 6-month probation successfully and needs to be taken off probation. Trevor McGuire at the Jail completed probation in February, so they are asking to have him taken off probation and do retro pay for those hours since February totaling \$860.56. Commissioner Kenison made the motion that both employees be taken off probation and receive their step up in pay as well as the retro pay for Deputy McGuire. Commissioner Painter seconded the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

There are two Fair Interns, Morgan Loveless and Rylie Sperry, that are proposed to help Jamie Garrett during the summer. Commissioner Painter made the motion to approve hiring these interns. Commissioner Kenison seconded the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor. Motion passed.


John also presented some EMT personnel action forms. Paige Wolfgram would like to move from part time to full time, which would fill a vacancy. There are 5 paramedics with advanced training that Mika has requested to move from \$17 per hour to \$20 per hour. They are Andy Rasmussen, Trent Adams, Colten Hatch, Zack Hansen and Brett Cross. Commissioner Kenison made a motion to approve these personnel action forms as presented. Commissioner Painter seconded the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

The updated agreement of the DUP Museum MOU was given to the commissioners to look over. This was previously discussed and agreed upon in a previous commission meeting. Commissioner Painter made a motion to approve the MOU with the DUP, Commissioner Kenison seconded the motion, no opposition, motion carries. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

The Commissioners were given the list of volunteers for the Fair, Xtreme Racing and the concert. Commissioner Kenison commented that the list was very long and that we are grateful and rely on volunteers. Commissioner Painter made the motion to approve the list of volunteers, Commissioner Kenison seconds the motion, no opposition, motion carries.

Commissioner Painter made a motion to adjourn the open meeting and move into Closed Session for items of personnel. Commissioner Kenison 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
Juab County Clerk/Auditor

APPROVED: 
Marty Palmer
Commission Chair