

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held Wednesday, January 8, 2025, at 11 a.m. in the Rich County Courthouse, 20 S. Main Street in Randolph. The Rich County Board of Commissioners is considering enacting an ordinance entitled “Rich County Ordinance for the Protection of Canals.” A copy of this proposed ordinance can be obtained by contacting the Rich County Clerk, Anneliesa Peart at (435) 793-2415.

This ordinance would protect the physical integrity of irrigation canals by providing an approval process for nearby excavation projects. This ordinance protects the main channel of canals and does not apply to the lesser side ditches which are separated from the main canal by a headgate. The ordinance would require consent from the canal company for any project crossing the canal itself or any project within 33 feet of the canal’s centerline (the existing canal easement). The proposed ordinance would also create a “protection strip” of 100 feet from the canal centerline, except for any uphill side of the canal. For any excavation project (other than minor projects like planting trees or setting posts) within the “protection strip” the ordinance would require (1) the canal company be notified and (2) the County Engineer sign off that the excavation will not impair the integrity of the canal bank.

The Board of Commissioners is soliciting the public’s comments on the proposed ordinance. Those attending the hearing will be invited to provide their input. Those wishing to comment, but who are unable to attend the hearing may also submit written comments to the Rich County Clerk prior to the hearing.