

RICH COUNTY COMMISSION

MINUTES

January 8, 2025

The Rich County Commission Meeting was held on January 8, 2025, at the County Courthouse in Randolph, Utah, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Chairman Simeon B. Weston, Commissioner William E. Cox, Commissioner Jonathan B. Lee, and Clerk Anneliesa Peart were present.

Commissioner Lee **moved to approve** the January 8, 2025, agenda as presented with one change: reschedule the predator control 1:00 p.m. item to next month's agenda. Commissioner Cox seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Ben Willoughby, Attorney, recommended creating a Rich County Trails Board to actively manage a public trail system. After discussing the proposal's details, Commissioner Cox **motioned to hold** a public hearing in February to pass the ordinance. Commissioner Lee seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Mr. Willoughby proposed the Building Permit Ordinance with the recommended changes requested during the public hearing held on December 11, 2024. Commissioner Lee **moved to approve** Rich County Ordinance O25-3 for Building Permits and Certificates of Occupancy. Commissioner Cox seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Lucas Martin, Director of the Bear River Association of Governments (BRAG), joined the discussion on considering an interlocal agreement to renew BRAG. Commissioner Cox **moved to approve** Rich County Resolution R25-1, A Resolution of the Rich County Commission to Authorize Signing the Interlocal Agreement to Renew the Bear River Association of Governments. Commissioner Lee seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Mr. Willoughby proposed a resolution to authorize using Class Six County local option sales tax funds for public safety. Commissioner Lee **moved to approve** Rich County Resolution R25-2, A Resolution of the Rich County Commission to Authorize the Imposition of a .30% Local Option Sales and Use Tax to Fund Public Safety Under Utah Code Section 59-12-2216. Commissioner Cox seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Mr. Willoughby proposed a resolution to amend two personnel policies affecting overtime, compensation time, and paid holidays. Commissioner Cox **motioned to approve** Rich County Resolution R25-3, Resolution to Amend Personnel Policy 3-200 (Overtime and Compensatory Time) and 4-100 (Paid Holidays), and to approve replacing the current Fair Friday holiday with Columbus Day as part of the changes. Commissioner Lee seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

PUBLIC HEARING

Rich County Ordinance for the Protection of Canals. Chairman Weston called for a motion to open the meeting for a public hearing. Commissioner Lee **moved to open** the meeting for a public hearing. Commissioner Cox seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimously carried.

County Attorney Willoughby read and explained the proposed ordinance. All interested persons were allowed to speak for or against the petition, and public comments were heard. After discussion, Commissioner Lee **moved to close** the public hearing, and Commissioner Cox seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING

Rich County Short-Term Rental Ordinance. Chairman Weston called for a motion to open the meeting for a public hearing. Commissioner Cox **moved to open** the meeting for a public hearing. Commissioner Lee seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimously carried.

County Attorney Willoughby read and explained the proposed ordinance. All interested persons were allowed to speak for or against the petition, and public comments were heard. After discussion, Commissioner Cox **moved to close** the public hearing, and Commissioner Lee seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION

Commissioner Cox **moved to adopt** Rich County Ordinance O25-2, Rich County Short-Term Rental Ordinance. Commissioner Lee seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Mitch Poulsen, Executive Director of Bear Lake Regional Commission, briefed the Commission on short-term rental software options. After discussing the County's current contract with GovOS, the Commissioners took the matter under advisement and planned to make a decision soon.

Blair Stringham, Utah Department of Natural Resources, presented the Commission with a Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) of \$1156.21 for two properties they manage within the County in Swan Creek and the Woodruff Coop. He also discussed predator removals in 2024, including 157 coyotes, 16 bobcats, and 1 cougar. Commissioner Lee **made a motion** to thank Mr. Stringham and accept the payment. Commissioner Cox seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Jared Hislop, Cedar & Stone Contractors, applied to the Commissioners for a business license. After asking Mr. Hislop to provide the County with a copy of his liability insurance, Commissioner Lee **moved to approve** the license. Commissioner Cox seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Richard Driesbeke, Manager of Utah's Bear Lake State Parks, presented the Commission with the 2024 Park Status Report. He explained that the park had an all-time high for visitation in

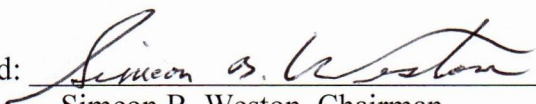
2024 and was the second highest in revenue. He reported that the new marina would begin construction in the springtime and should have minimal impact on the current marina. Long-term planning, funding, and current issues were also discussed.

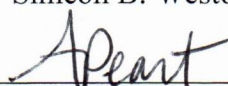
Commissioner Lee **moved to approve the December 2024 expenditures**. Commissioner Cox seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Commissioner Cox **moved to approve the April, August, October, and November 2024 minutes**. Commissioner Lee seconded, and the motion carried.

Commissioner Cox **motioned to move** the February Commission Meeting to the 12th of February. Commissioner Lee seconded, and the motion carried.

With no further business before the Commission, Commissioner Lee **moved to adjourn the meeting**. Commissioner Cox seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Approved: 
Simeon B. Weston, Chairman

Attest: 
Anneliesa Peart, Clerk