

RICH COUNTY COMMISSION

MINUTES

February 12, 2025

The Rich County Commission Meeting was held on February 12, 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 February 12, 2025, agenda as presented. Commissioner Cox seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Rob Johnson, Financial Officer, Bear River Mental Health Services, presented the Commission with a copy of the company's financial audit for Fiscal Year 2024. Additionally, he offered an Addendum to the Contract for Mental Health Services asking for changes in compensation in 2025. Commissioner Cox **motioned to approve** the audit and the new contract addendum. Commissioner Lee seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Randall Knight, Board Chairman, Garden City Fire District, discussed fire mitigation and emergency egress needs in the Swan Creek Village Subdivision. He notified the Commission of an upcoming tax increase to help facilitate the infrastructure requirements for a new fire station on the south end of the fire district and asked the County to aid in funding.

Duane Robinson, Board Member, Laketown Cemetery District, asked the Commission for counsel on a property ownership issue in Laketown. Burial plots and a part of the road leading to the Laketown Cemetery were on private property, but should be owned by the Town. Commissioner Cox **made a motion** to authorize the cemetery district to approach Laketown with a request to finalize a transaction vacating the private road and corresponding property to the town. Commissioner Lee seconded the motion, and it was passed unanimously.

Dustin Reilich, Deckard Technologies, presented his short-term rental software to the Commission.

PUBLIC HEARING

Chairman Weston presented **Ordinance O25-1: Rich County Ordinance for the County Trails Board** and called for a public hearing. Commissioner Lee **made a motion** to open the meeting for public hearing. Commissioner Cox seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

County Attorney Ben Willoughby read and reviewed the proposed ordinance with the Commissioners. All interested persons were given the opportunity to be heard for or against the

ordinance. Public comments were heard, and changes were recommended. Commissioner Lee **made a motion** to close the public hearing. Commissioner Cox seconded, and the motion carried.

MOTION

Commissioner Lee **made a motion** to approve Ordinance O25-1 with the recommended changes. Commissioner Cox seconded, and the vote was carried unanimously.

Jordan Mathis, Bear River Health Department, with Ben Willoughby, Attorney, offered **Resolution R25-4: A Resolution of the Rich County Commission to Join Multicounty United Local Health Department Interlocal Agreement to the Board.** Commissioner Cox **made a motion** to approve Resolution R25-4. Commissioner Lee seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Ben Willoughby, Attorney, presented a temporary employment contract for Chris Crockett to assist with writing an updated County Development Code. Commissioner Cox **moved to authorize** Mr. Willoughby to contract with Mr. Crockett to update the development code. Commissioner Lee seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Chairman Weston called for an Executive Session for litigation reasons. Commissioner Lee, **made a motion** to begin an Executive Session. Commissioner Cox seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous. The motion carried with the following roll call vote:

Commissioner Lee: yes
Commission Cox: yes
Chairman Weston: yes

BREAK FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

Following the Executive Session, Chairman Weston reconvened the meeting at 1:00 PM.

Taylor Payne, Predator Control Program, reviewed the federal and state funding the County could utilize for predator control.

Mitch Poulsen, Administrator, Planning & Zoning, and Bob Peterson, Owner, Azora Software, presented the Board with a recommended short-term rental software contract. Commissioner Cox **made a motion** to approve the Azora Software Contract for nightly and short-term rental enforcement and tracking within the County. Commissioner Lee seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Kaia Bowden, Recorder, described a problem with parcels 36-04-050-0043 and 36-04-050-0072, which were recorded as one combined lot but still showed as two parcels. She proposed to make the correction but asked the Commissioners for a tax abatement. Commissioner Cox **made a motion** to abate the delinquent taxes for 2024 on 36-04-050-0072. Commissioner Lee seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Kim Wilson, Assessor, submitted tax exemption forms to the Board and asked for their approval. She then asked permission for the Board of Equalization to send Notice of Intent to Dismiss letters to those few residents who did not have the 10-day opportunity to provide evidence in their appeals. The Commissioners determined that no motion was required for approval.

COMMISSION BUSINESS

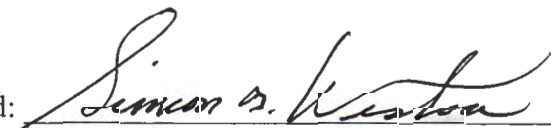
Commissioner Cox **moved to enter into a contract** with Peac Solutions for \$189 per month for updated printers in the Clerk's and Sheriff's Offices. Commissioner Lee seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

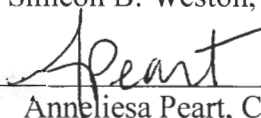
Commissioner Cox **moved to approve** a Mental Health Grant Memo of Understanding. Commissioner Lee seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Lee **moved to approve** the January 2025 expenditures and minutes. Commissioner Cox seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Chairman Weston presented **Ordinance O25-5: Rich County Ordinance for the Protection of Canals** and called for a motion. A public hearing had already been held, and the ordinance had been modified and recommended. Commissioner Lee **made a motion** to approve Ordinance O25-5 as presented. Commissioner Cox seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

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

Approved: 
Simeon B. Weston, Chairman

Attest: 
Anneliesa Peart, Clerk