

**MINUTES
BOX ELDER COUNTY COMMISSION
APRIL 01, 2008**

The Board of County Commissioners of Box Elder County, Utah met in an Administrative/Operational Session at the County Courthouse, 01 South Main Street in Brigham City, Utah at 8:00 a.m. on **APRIL 01, 2008**. The following members were present:

Jay E. Hardy	Chairman
Clark N. Davis	Commissioner
Rich VanDyke	Commissioner
LuAnn Adams	Recorder/Clerk

The following items were discussed:

1. Agenda Review/Supporting Documents
2. Commissioners' Correspondence
3. Staff Reports
4. Correspondence
5. Assignment Review

The work session adjourned at 8:59 a.m.

The regular session was called to order by Chairman Hardy at 9:00 a.m. with the following members present, constituting a quorum:

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The prayer was offered by Chairman Hardy.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 25, 2008 WERE APPROVED AS WRITTEN ON A MOTION BY COMMISSIONER VANDYKE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DAVIS AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

AGENDA: ATTACHMENT NO. 1

FANTASY AT THE BAY CONTRACT – COMMISSIONERS

Sonny Gilbert presented some sketches of lighting scenes for the Christmas holidays. He also proposed year-round lighting to frame the building.

The Commissioners recommended that Sonny Gilbert coordinate with Building and Grounds Supervisor Donnie Tarver to make sure the county gets the best year-round solution for the dome. The Commissioners all agreed the courthouse is a real gem to the community.

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Davis to approve the 2008 Christmas Displays Contract with Fantasy at the Bay according to the terms and provisions as outlined in the contract. The motion was seconded by Commissioner VanDyke and unanimously carried.

PREPARATIONS BEING MADE FOR SPRING FLOODING – SHERIFF YEATES/KEVIN POTTER

Sheriff Yeates said there have been several articles in newspapers local and statewide in regards to spring flooding. The county has 25,000 empty sandbags at the warehouse. Brigham City has about 25,000 empty sandbags and about 20,000 sandbags filled on pallets and ready to go. Sheriff Yeates has provided sandbags to South Willard, Willard, Garland and Elwood. The municipalities have reimbursed the county for the cost of the sandbags. Sheriff Yeates said if the weather stays consistent with what it is right now, the county is probably in a low-flood mode. He said they have used work crews in the canyon to clean out the creek. He said if warm days come up really fast and rain on top of that, we will be in deep trouble again. The county has an emergency services trailer prepared for flooding with multiple pumps and 2,000 sandbags as well as other preparatory materials to take out to the different areas of the county.

Sheriff Yeates said if there is flooding, they have the ability to get a 30-second message to all landowners one-quarter mile on either side of the river from Cutler Dam to the Great Salt Lake. There are about 2,500 landowners that will receive the message indicating that floods are coming and the evacuation stage.

Chief Deputy Kevin Potter said the Cutler Dam exercise was on what if there was a dam failure. There were a lot of agencies in the county involved as well as PacifiCorp. On a county level, there were a few little things to change such as a call-down tree. He said PacifiCorp has their stuff together. He said the problems they had were minor and easy to fix. He felt it was an excellent experience to be a part of.

Chairman Hardy said if we have a problem, he feels the biggest threat is the Bear River.

TTAB GRANT RECOMMENDATIONS – BOB DAVIS

Bob Davis introduced the board members as follows: Tim Dunn, Jim Abel, Steve Atwood, Monica Holdaway, Nikki Anderson, Roland Bringhurst, Rick Kent and Tamara Zollinger. Bob Davis acts as the chair, and Joan Hammer is the county employee that works with the board.

Mr. Davis said there have been many favorable projects in the past and it is the Board's goal to grow tourism in Box Elder County in the future. He then highlighted the following projects that have previously been funded: major upgrades to Heritage and Old Barn Theaters, supported Brigham City Heritage Arts Festival and Nutcracker Festival, new floor and ceiling in the Fine Arts Auditorium, advertising supporting the county's fair, Wagon Land Adventures production of a DVD and brochure, advisory radio for Willard State Park, direct mail campaign for Tremonton soccer and baseball. Mr. Davis said there have been a multitude of other great projects funded throughout the years.

The funds are for \$80,000, and there were \$300,000 worth of requests. The Board did their best to determine the worthwhileness of a project and looked at the potential of growing tourism in the county. They avoided some projects and let them know why. The Board felt some of the projects were entitlement projects that simply didn't fit within the realm of applications.

Joan Hammer said they placed proper ads in the newspaper and also offered a grant class and brought in a couple of board members to tell what they are looking for. The grant application process is user friendly.

Commissioner Davis said there is a diversity of projects being funded and a lot of outreach throughout the county. The Commissioners realize the need for tourism and development and the benefits the county receives. He appreciates all of the work done by the committee.

Commissioner VanDyke said there is a diversity of the members on the Board. They view a lot of the applicants from many different angles and eyes. He is very impressed with the professionalism and dedication the board members have in selecting these applicants.

Bob Davis said we have a keen interest in making sure we have a certain percentage of funding set aside for small communities. This year Fielding was the recipient. Funds will go towards building a new park.

The following are the 2008 TRCC Grant Applications that were funded: *(See Attachment No. 2 – Funded Projects.)*

Bob Davis said there were some projects the Board felt would fit together for winter destination advertising like Fantasy at the Bay, Reindeer Station and Nutcracker. There would be \$5,000 available. The Board is hoping to talk to these people to see if they are interested.

Tourism Director Joan Hammer thanked the board for all of their hard work. She said it is not an easy job. The Board is very conscientious about spending the money. They are not only looking out for the best interest of the county but the individual projects.

Rick Kent thanked Joan Hammer for all of her hard work.

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner VanDyke to accept the 2008 TRCC Grant applications as proposed and outlined by the Board in the amount of \$78,450.00. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Davis and unanimously carried.

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION AWARENESS MONTH – KATY BONDS

Katy Bonds, Box Elder Family Support Center, said they are before the Commission to celebrate Child Abuse Prevention Month in April. She presented the Commissioners with a packet explaining child abuse. She said they have a three-prong approach: (1) crisis respite (2) nursery for parents to get a break (3) parent education and therapy services. These services are free to the county. There were 218 pairs of shoes placed on the courthouse steps representing the number of children that were abused in 2007. Katy Bonds then read the following proclamation: *(See Attachment No. 3 – Proclamation.)*

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Davis to approve the Child Abuse Prevention Proclamation. The motion was seconded by Commissioner VanDyke and unanimously carried.

The Commissioners thanked the Box Elder Family Support Center for all of their hard work.

WARRANT REGISTER – COMMISSIONERS

The Warrant Register was signed and the following claims were approved for payment: Claims 56290 thru 56377 in the amount of \$69,100.65

PERSONNEL ACTIONS – COMMISSIONERS

SHERIFF: Kyle Vanderstappen, new hire, effective 03/24/2008
SHERIFF: Tracie Bond, re-hire, effective 03/24/2008
SHERIFF: Brenna Vaughn, new hire, effective 03/24/2008
LIBRARY: Hunter W. Barrus, new hire, effective 03/21/2008
LIBRARY: Philip M. Lee, new hire, effective 03/17/2008
LIBRARY: Bradley J. Rhodes, new hire, effective 03/17/2008
LIBRARY: Joan Baddley, new hire, effective 03/17/2008
LIBRARY: Sharon Zundel, new hire, effective 03/17/2008
BLDG INSPECTION: Rick Williams, compensation change, effective 09/13/2007
COUNTY FAIR: Gerald Richins, compensation change, effective 03/24/2008
AUDITOR: JeriLynn Nielsen, compensation change, effective 03/13/2008

PUBLIC HEARING/DISPOSITION OF SURPLUS REAL PROPERTY – COMMISSIONERS

Chairman Hardy declared the public hearing open at 10:00 a.m.

(See Attachment No. 4 – Attendance List.)

County Attorney Stephen Hadfield said the hearing is for the disposal of property located in Grouse Creek. The property will be deeded to BLM for the placement of a well which will be shared by BLM and the county. The county has agreed to give BLM the property in exchange for the construction of the well.

It was pointed out that this property has not gone to the Planning Commission.

Chairman Hardy asked if there were any comments from those in attendance. There were no comments.

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Davis to close the public hearing at 10:10 a.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner VanDyke and unanimously carried.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Davis to adjourn. Commissioner VanDyke seconded the motion, and the meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED in regular session this 8th day of April 2008.

Jay E. Hardy, Chairman

Clark N. Davis, Commissioner

Rich VanDyke, Commissioner

ATTEST:

LuAnn Adams, Recorder/Clerk