

**MINUTES
BOX ELDER COUNTY COMMISSION
JUNE 10, 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 **JUNE 10, 2008**. The following members were present:

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

EXCUSED: Rich VanDyke Commissioner

The following items were discussed:

1. Agenda Review/Supporting Documents
2. Commissioners' Correspondence
3. Staff Reports
4. Correspondence
5. Assignment Review
6. Relay for Life-Cancer Walk – Peggy Madsen
7. Trucks on County Roads/Going thru the Divide – Chairman Hardy

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:

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

EXCUSED: Rich VanDyke Commissioner

Chairman Hardy excused Commissioner VanDyke from Commission Meeting.

The prayer was offered by Commissioner Davis.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE 03, 2008 WERE APPROVED AS WRITTEN ON A MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DAVIS, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HARDY AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

AGENDA: ATTACHMENT NO. 1

FOLLOW-UP BUSINESS**COG Meeting – Commissioner Davis**

Commissioner Davis said a Council of Government Meeting (COG) was held to discuss the Rocky Mountain Power issue. The meeting was held last Tuesday evening. The Commissioners see their role as being a facilitator because they have a difficult time dictating where that line is going to go when it is impacting the incorporated cities. They have wanted the mayors to come to a consensus on what alignment they supported. He said they have also had a committee chaired by Denton John to represent the unincorporated area. Commissioner Davis said they have worked on developing a consensus in terms of the routing. Senator Knudson invited elected officials to a legislative committee meeting on June 18 at 2:00 p.m. He said they have sent the information on the preferred routing in advance to the team that represents the county including committee members, Chairman Hardy along with Mayor Weese, Chairman of COG, and Jay Aguilar, who is a professional planner working for Willard City. Jay Aguilar will be the voice at the meeting to make a presentation on preferred routes.

DISCUSSION ON ROCKY MOUNTAIN POWER LINES – PAM PEDERSEN

Pam Pederson and Margie Dean from South Willard came before the Commission. Pam Pederson said the purpose of them being on the agenda was to get an update of the status from the meeting held May 14 where Rocky Mountain Power was in attendance. Ms. Pederson said at that meeting the public had an opportunity to present questions to Rocky Mountain Power, but the questions were not answered and the citizens are still waiting for answers to the questions they ask. They were told information would be provided. Ms. Pederson said citizens were also invited to attend the legislative committee meeting on June 18th, and many concerned citizens will be in attendance. She was told by Senator Knudson's Office they will have an opportunity to raise their hand and testify on the opposition of the power lines at the meeting. Ms. Pederson presented the Commissioners with a petition from 170 citizens opposing the proposed route of the 345KV transmission line by Rocky Mountain Power. (*See Attachment No. 2 – Petition.*) She said the line would divide the valley, cause reductions in property values and damage the economy and ecology of the valley. She said the

valley has been a sanctuary for family and property owners for generations. Descendants of the original families now face devastation to their heritage. Recent arrivals wishing to escape the big city life to ranch, farm, retire and raise their families in the fresh air and wholesome atmosphere of country life are facing the same loss in property values and devastation to their dreams. She showed pictures, and said they now enjoy the unobstructed landscape of the beautiful valley and surrounding mountains. All of the many assets they now enjoy will be changed forever with these large towers and transmission lines. She is concerned that if there is a 150-foot power line next to a natural gas line and there is an earthquake, nothing will be left of South Willard. Ms. Pederson is requesting a formal night meeting where concerned citizens can come and express their concerns.

Commissioner Davis echoed her concerns. He said there have been a lot of meetings and lectures and very little opportunity for feedback to the citizens. They have been bombarded with information but not allowed public dialogue to take place. He said when a forum was provided, questions could be submitted on question cards, and they would pick and choose the questions and said they would get back and provide written statements. They are doing everything they can to buffer the public. Commissioner Davis is hoping the legislative committee will listen. The Commissioners have not received any answers from Rocky Mountain Power. He said there have been committee meetings on Friday evenings chaired by Denton John in which all residents were invited. Commissioner Davis does not feel a meeting should be scheduled until after the June 18th meeting. Rocky Mountain Power has eminent domain and a lot of money for lobbying. He feels they have influenced a lot of public officials along the way, and he is not sure they will be heard. Commissioner Davis said Rocky Mountain Power wants to see all the communities and the county disjointed so they can say there is no consensus. The municipalities are going with consensus and will present some united options to the legislature.

Chairman Hardy said there is no prettier place in Box Elder County than South Willard at night when there is a sunset and you are looking at Willard Bay. Chairman Hardy has a concern with the narrow neck of corridor.

BEC AWARDED “NEW SIGN” GRANT PROGRAM – BILL GILSON

This item was cancelled.

BENEFIT LUNCHEON – PEGGY MADSEN

Commissioner Davis said for usage of public facilities the county has a policy that says public facilities will not be used for private benefit unless permission is granted by the Commission. He said in Brice's behalf the employees have wanted to hold a benefit luncheon for him.

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Davis that as a Commission they support the benefit luncheon for Brice Lucas. The motion was seconded by Chairman Hardy and unanimously carried.

TRUCKS ON COUNTY ROADS/GOING THRU THE DIVIDE – CHAIRMAN HARDY

Doug Peterson works for the Road Department and is in charge of the County's signs. He said there were a lot of signs put on the three detour roads because there is a lot of traffic. Chairman Hardy said they have had a problem of a truck getting caught up in a corner. They want the big trucks off the detour roads. These roads are not designed for big trucks, especially on the Cache County side. The County wants to keep the roads open for the people that need access for work and not send commerce over them with loads.

The Commissioners are aware the code allows counties to regulate their roads, and the Road Department will no longer allow truck traffic on the roads. There are speed limit signs posted for passenger vehicles to allow them access back and forth. The county will only be allowing traffic for business travel, not commerce; and they will allow an exemption for gravel pit operations coming off the dairy road.

WARRANT REGISTER – COMMISSIONERS

The Warrant Register was signed and the following claims were approved for payment: Claims 57449 thru 57556 in the amount of \$134,996.16.

PERSONNEL ACTIONS – COMMISSIONERS

SHERIFF:	Carolyn Loosli, compensation change, effective 06/05/2008
SHERIFF:	Amy K. Nielsen, status change, effective 06/02/2008
SHERIFF:	Sylvia Greenhalgh, re-hire, effective 06/02/2008
WEED DEPT:	Miles McNair, new hire, effective 06/02/2008
ASSESSOR:	Jesse Roberts, new hire, effective 06/04/2008
ASSESSOR:	Todd Kanno, new hire, effective 06/04/2008

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Davis to adjourn. Commissioner Hardy seconded the motion, and the meeting adjourned at 9:53 a.m.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED in regular session this 17th day of June 2008.

Jay E. Hardy, Chairman

Clark N. Davis, Commissioner

ATTEST:

LuAnn Adams, Recorder/Clerk

The following items were discussed in Administrative /Operational Session after Commission Meeting had adjourned:

1. Building Study – Architectural Nexus/Eric Sadler
2. Personnel – Peggy Madsen

The Administrative/Operational Session adjourned at 11:53 a.m.