MINUTES
BOX ELDER COUNTY COMMISSION
NOVEMBER 25, 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 NOVEMBER 25, 2008. The following members were present:

Clark N. Davis  Commissioner
Rich VanDyke  Commissioner
LuAnn Adams  Recorder/Clerk

EXCUSED: Jay E. Hardy  Chairman

The following items were discussed:

1. Agenda Review/Supporting Documents
2. Commissioners’ Correspondence
3. Staff Reports
4. Correspondence
5. Assignment Review
6. 2008 Fire Contracts – Greg Martz

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

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

Clark N. Davis  Commissioner
Rich VanDyke  Commissioner
LuAnn Adams  Recorder/Clerk

EXCUSED: Jay E. Hardy  Chairman

Commissioner Davis excused Chairman Hardy because he had shoulder surgery.

The prayer was offered by Commissioner Elect Brian Shaffer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF NOVEMBER 18, 2008 WERE APPROVED AS WRITTEN ON A MOTION BY COMMISSIONER VANDYKE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DAVIS AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

AGENDA: ATTACHMENT NO. 1
BOARD OF EQUALIZATION REPORT – TOM BENNETT

County Auditor Tom Bennett explained the Board of Equalization process. He said the County received 642 appeals. Of those appeals, 517 were adjusted. The total of the adjusted values was $11,799,458. That was a reduction in taxable value. Mr. Bennett said there are still some appeals that have gone onto the state. He said the county does an informal hearing process where citizens can come in and ask questions to see if they want a formal appeal. They are given the opportunity to have a formal appeal with a hearing officer not associated with the county who gives them a decision. If they do not like that decision, they can continue onto the state.

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner VanDyke to accept and approve the Board of Equalization report as presented by County Auditor Tom Bennett. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Davis and unanimously carried.

(See Attachment No. 2 – Board of Equalization Report.)

INDIGENT ABATEMENTS – TOM BENNETT

County Auditor Tom Bennett explained the abatement process. He said the state has set up several programs for people who are in circumstances where they can have property tax abatements. He reviewed the programs and the timelines. He said the indigent abatement is for households with income under $27,000. The indigent abatement is up to the discretion of the county commissioners. There is a process to make a fair evaluation. Mr. Bennett said 35 applied, 18 did not meet the criteria for abatement, 13 are under review and 4 have met the requirements.

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner VanDyke that 35 applied, 18 did not meet the criteria for abatement, 13 are under review and 4 have met the requirements. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Davis and unanimously carried.

SET DATE & TIME FOR TRUTH-IN-TAXATION HEARING FOR BOX ELDER COUNTY AND COUNTY LIBRARY – TOM BENNETT

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner VanDyke to set the truth-in-taxation public hearing for Box Elder County and the County Library on Tuesday, December 9 at 6:00 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Davis and unanimously carried.

SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR 2009 TENTATIVE BUDGETS FOR BOX ELDER COUNTY, COUNTY LIBRARY AND MARBLE HILLS SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT – TOM BENNETT

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner VanDyke to set the public hearing for the 2009 Tentative Budgets for Box Elder County, County Library and Marble Hills Special Improvement District on Tuesday, December 9 at 6:00 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Davis and unanimously carried.
MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner VanDyke to set the public hearing amending the 2008 Box Elder County, County Library and Marble Hills Special Improvement District budgets on Tuesday, December 9 at 6:00 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Davis and unanimously carried.

WARRANT REGISTER – COMMISSIONERS

The Warrant Register was signed and the following claims were approved for payment: Claims 60642 thru 60750 in the amount of $166,066.13. Claims 54238 and 57904 were voided.

PERSONNEL ACTIONS – COMMISSIONERS

There were no personnel actions.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner VanDyke to adjourn. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion, and the meeting adjourned at 9:43 a.m.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED in regular session this 2nd day of December 2008.

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Clark N. Davis, Commissioner

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Rich VanDyke, Commissioner

ATTEST:

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LuAnn Adams, Recorder/Clerk