

**MINUTES
BOX ELDER COUNTY COMMISSION
DECEMBER 04, 2007**

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 **DECEMBER 04, 2007**. 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
6. Budget Presentation – Tom Bennett

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
Rich VanDyke	Commissioner
LuAnn Adams	Recorder/Clerk

The prayer was offered by Commissioner VanDyke.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF NOVEMBER 27, 2007 WERE APPROVED AS WRITTEN ON A MOTION BY COMMISSIONER VANDYKE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DAVIS AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

AGENDA: ATTACHMENT NO. 1

FOLLOW-UP BUSINESS**Planning Commission Discussion**

County Planner Kevin Hamilton said two subdivisions were discussed at the last planning commission meeting. Orchards Subdivision was discussed and it is located by the old weigh station in South Willard. This subdivision was given preliminary approval about a year ago. It is a 27-lot subdivision. There is no sewer in place, and they will need to rely on Willard and Box Elder County for fire. The other subdivision was a 130-lot subdivision located in Riverside. They were asking for conceptual approval. The subdivision would be located about two miles from Fielding. The County would be responsible for providing all the urban services to the subdivision. Planning Commission denied approval. It was suggested they annex into Fielding.

There was also discussion on a planned community in the Thatcher-Penrose area. Kevin Hamilton said the development pressure is there.

BOX ELDER WILDLIFE FEDERATION GRANT – AL SMART

Al Smart, President of the Box Elder Wildlife Federation, said they completed a big project in Mantua to improve the range and would like to make improvements to the Tremonton range. Mr. Smart said they are applying for grants for a covered patio and restroom. It is an excellent training ground and doesn't impact anyone. He feels the gun range is a real benefit for the people of Box Elder County to go shooting. There are two NRA certified range safety officers that manage the range to make sure safety is first and the area is maintained in a clean environment. He said the Box Elder Wildlife Federation is not asking for money but would like a written lease. Mr. Smart said if possible they would like some fencing material.

The Commissioners will talk to County Attorney Hadfield and see what he recommends.

2008 HOLIDAYS, 2008 LANDFILL HOLIDAYS, 2008 ANNUAL MEETING SCHEDULE – LORNA RAVENBERG

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Davis to approve the 2008 Holiday schedule as presented which includes twelve holidays. The motion was seconded by Commissioner VanDyke and unanimously carried.

(See Attachment No. 2 – 2008 Holiday Schedule.)

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Davis to approve the 2008 Landfill Holidays as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner VanDyke and unanimously carried.

(See Attachment No. 3 - 2008 Landfill Holiday Schedule.)

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Davis to approve public notice for the 2008 Annual Box Elder County Meeting Schedule. The motion was seconded by Commissioner VanDyke and unanimously carried.

(See Attachment No. 4 – 2008 Annual Box Elder County Meeting Schedule.)

WESTERN PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY POLLING LOCATIONS– LUANN ADAMS

Commissioner VanDyke complimented Recorder/Clerk LuAnn Adams and her staff on the good job they do with putting on elections.

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner VanDyke to approve the Box Elder County Polling Locations for the Western Presidential Primary to be held February 5, 2008. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Davis and unanimously carried.

(See Attachment No. 5 – Polling Locations.)

CONTRACT WITH EARTHTEC ENGINEERING/STUDY IOWA STRING ROAD – KEVIN HAMILTON

County Planner Kevin Hamilton asked the Commissioners permission for Earthtec Engineering to do an engineering study on the Iowa String Road for \$8,300. Mr. Hamilton said the County received two other bids. Earthtec Engineering was the low bid.

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Davis to approve the contract with Earthtec Engineering, subject to review by County Attorney Stephen Hadfield. The motion was seconded by Commissioner VanDyke and unanimously carried.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN POWER TRANSMISSION LINES – KEVIN HAMILTON

Steve Rush, Rocky Mountain Power, gave an overview of the transmission line projects planned by Rocky Mountain Power. Mr. Rush said Rocky Mountain Power is spending about \$4 billion on transmission lines. The projects involving Box Elder County are the Populus to Ben Lomond and Ben Lomond to Terminal 345KV Transmission Projects. He said a double circuit line will go to Box Elder, Weber, Davis and Salt Lake. They will build a substation, known as the Populus, in Downey, Idaho and run a line to the Ben Lomond Substation and from the Ben Lomond Substation to the Salt Lake City Airport Terminal Substation.

Wayne Mills said for both projects the purpose and need is that Rocky Mountain Power is committed to providing safe and reliable service to Utah, Idaho and Wyoming. The rapid population growth and increased electrical demand is the driving force. There is a need for new transmission lines and new substations. Mr. Mills explained there will be new 345 KV transmission lines from Populus to Ben Lomond. A new transmission line will start at Downey, Idaho and travel to Ben Lomond substation. The structures are single pole steel structures approximately 125’ -150’ tall with 600-900

foot spans. The substation in Downey, Idaho is approximately 60 acres. Rocky Mountain Power will be acquiring additional 150-foot right-of-ways. Rocky Mountain Power has gone through rigorous citing criteria to provide safe and reliable service to their customers in the most efficient and cost effective manner. The key driver is economics. Rocky Mountain Power considers existing linear features in the citing such as existing utility corridors, major roads, canals, railroads, etc. The project should be completed by June 2010. Mr. Mills then showed the route of the 345 KV line. The line will also go from Ben Lomond through Weber, Davis and end at the terminal substation located near the Salt Lake City International Airport.

ORDINANCE RE-ZONING PROPERTY AT 5000 NORTH IOWA STRING ROAD – KEVIN HAMILTON

County Planner Kevin Hamilton said he was directed to prepare an ordinance to rezone property at 5000 North Iowa String Road from its current zoning of RR-20 and A-20 to M-G Zone which will allow a paper manufacturing plant.

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Davis to adopt Ordinance No. 296, an ordinance amending the Box Elder County Zoning Map by rezoning property at approximately 5000 North Iowa String Road from Rural Residential RR-20 and Agricultural A-20 to General Industrial District M-G. The motion was seconded by Commissioner VanDyke and unanimously carried.

(See Attachment No. 6 – Ordinance No. 296.)

CORINNE CITY CONCERNS – MAYOR RICHARD NIMORI

Corinne Mayor Richard Nimori said economic development has benefited Box Elder County but not the cities like Corinne as much. He came before the Commissioners to ask what can be done to slow the process down. He asked the Commissioners to look at the impact they are causing the small cities. Mayor Nimori said when Thiokol first entered the County they brought with them about 6,000 employees which was a great thing. Some employees live in Tremonton and north but most live in Brigham City and south. There are now 30,000 employees. He said it is impossible to get onto State Road 13 at the wrong time of the day. He said Wal-Mart and now the new Proctor and Gamble will impact them even more, and with the proposal of the county combination landfill, they will dump 20 more times the amount of trash. This will add another burden on the community. Mayor Nimori asked if there was anything that could be done to help the truck traffic. He was told that at one time Box Elder County was going to add space at the southwestern part of the agri-business park. He asked if there was ever anything done with the garbage trucks and cleaning up the road. Mayor Nimori said if you polled our citizens, they would like to get rid of our waste into some other county. He said there have not been any prior meetings about the Box Elder Landfill. He thanked Commissioners VanDyke and Hardy for meeting with him and giving him both sides of the story. Mayor Nimori asked the Commissioners if they would consider helping out Corinne and other small cities with the new truck traffic and parking. He said Corinne and other small cities do not

have the answer. Mayor Nimori has talked to the Wal-Mart Distribution Center, and they have no plans for

truck parking in the future. He thanked the Commissioners for letting him come and voice his concerns. He said the traffic is getting worse, and he knows that at some future time Corinne will be coming to the Commissioners crying that the increased traffic is plugging their city. He wishes the Commissioners would have come to him right off the bat with Proctor and Gamble and the garbage. He feels the Commissioners are in arrears for not letting the public know much earlier.

LANDFILL GOVERNANCE – REGGIE PETERSEN

Reggie Petersen gave the following concerns regarding landfill governance:

(See Attachment No. 7 – Reggie Petersen’s Comments.)

WARRANT REGISTER – COMMISSIONERS

The Warrant Register was signed and the following claims were approved for payment: Claim 53956 thru 54109 and 200715 in the amount of \$486,182.81.

PERSONNEL ACTIONS – COMMISSIONERS

SHERIFF:	Brent L. Powell, step increase, effective 11/15/2007
SHERIFF:	Brent L. Powell, re-assignment to Court Security, effective 12/03/2007
SHERIFF:	Scott Young, re-assignment to Court Security, effective 12/03/2007
SHERIFF:	Matt Bentley, new-hire, effective 12/03/2007
ASSESSOR:	Cameron Gardner, new-hire, effective 12/03/2007
LANDFILL:	Gina C. Allen, compensation change, effective 10/04/2007
LANDFILL:	Kimberly Walker, compensation change, effective 11/26/2007

RECESS

The Commissioners took a recess at 11:35 a.m. and reconvened at 7:02 p.m.

OTHER BUSINESS

Setting Public Hearing for Re-Opening 2007 County Budget

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Davis to set the public hearing to re-open the 2007 County Budget on December 18 at 9:30 a.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner VanDyke and unanimously carried.

PUBLIC HEARING – 2008 BUDGET INCREASE – COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Davis opened the public hearing for the 2008 Budget Increase at 7:02 p.m.

(See Attachment No. 8 – Attendance List.)

Ruth Jensen was in attendance and had a concern about the property tax increase of 8.32%. The Commissioners informed her they were increasing to capture new growth and trying to maintain the same certified tax rate that the County had in 2006. She was informed that if her property was not reappraised, her property taxes on the County's portion would actually go down. She also had many questions regarding line items. The Commissioners answered each of her concerns.

County Auditor Tom Bennett gave the following presentation:

(See Attachment No. 9 – Box Elder County 2008 Budget Hearing Presentation.)

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner VanDyke to close the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Davis, and unanimously carried. The public hearing was closed at 7:37 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner VanDyke to adjourn. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion, and the meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED in regular session this 4th day of December 2007.

Jay E. Hardy, Chairman

Clark N. Davis, Commissioner

Rich VanDyke, Commissioner

ATTEST:

LuAnn Adams, Recorder/Clerk

The following items were discussed in Administrative /Operational Session at 11:35 a.m.:

1. Personnel Policy – Peggy Madsen
2. Mission Statement – Code of Ethics/Commissioners – Chairman Hardy

The Administrative/Operational Session adjourned at 12:15 p.m.