
MINUTES

**SUMMIT COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2016
SUMMIT COUNTY COURTHOUSE
COALVILLE, UTAH**

PRESENT:

Roger Armstrong, Council Chair
Chris Robinson, Council Vice-Chair
Kim Carson, Council Member
Claudia McMullin, Council Member
Talbot Adair, Council Member

Tom Fisher, Manager
Anita Lewis, Assistant Manager
Robert Hilder, Attorney
Kent Jones, Clerk
Brandy Harris, Secretary

WORK SESSION

Chair Armstrong called the work session to order at 11:30 a.m.

**INTERVIEW APPLICANTS FOR VACANCIES ON THE EASTERN SUMMIT
COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION**

Tonja Hanson, Bill Wilde, Justin Hobson, Mike Crittenden, Sue Follett, Samuel Batista, Jeff Vernon, Lorie Leavitt, and Rich Sonntag were interviewed for the Eastern Summit County Planning Commission.

**INTERVIEW APPLICANTS FOR VACANCIES ON SNYDERVILLE BASIN
PLANNING COMMISSION**

Lee Rouman, Bea Peck, and Julia Reynolds Collins were interviewed for the Snyderville Basin Planning Commission.

**INTERVIEW APPLICANTS FOR VACANCIES ON THE SUMMIT COUNTY
MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT**

Nate Brooks, Gaylen Pace, and Sue Pollard were interviewed for the Summit County Mosquito Abatement District.

CLOSED SESSION

Council Member Carson made a motion to convene in closed session to discuss personnel. The motion was seconded by Council Member McMullin and passed unanimously, 5 to 0.

The Summit County Council met in closed session for the purpose of discussing personnel from 2:40 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. Those in attendance were:

Roger Armstrong, Council Chair
Chris Robinson, Council Vice-Chair
Kim Carson, Council Member
Claudia McMullin, Council Member
Talbot Adair, Council Member

Tom Fisher, Manager
Anita Lewis, Assistant Manager
Chris Ure, Eastern Summit
County Planning Commission

Council Member McMullin made a motion to dismiss from closed session and to convene in work session. The motion was seconded by Vice Council Robinson and passed Unanimously, 5 to 0.

WORK SESSION – (Continued)

DISCUSSION OF PROBABLE COST TO IMPLEMENT VARIOUS TRANSPORTATION SOLUTIONS RELATED TO THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN FOR THE COUNTY

Caroline Ferris, Regional Transportation Planning Director, presented the third in a series of discussions with the Council regarding possible tax initiatives and potential transportation projects.

Ms. Ferris stated one of the immediate problems the county has been facing is traffic congestion during the a.m. and p.m. peak periods on major roadways, especially 224 and 248, the Kimball Junction area roads and intersections, and the Jeremy Ranch intersection of Rasmussen Road and Pinebrook Boulevard. Depending on the future growth patterns and strategies, in Eastern Summit County some of the same issues can be expected over the long-term. Other related issues included environmental stewardship, economic vitality and diversity, mobility and accessibility as it relates to the entire transportation network. Ensuring effective land use planning should reduce adverse impacts on short- and long-range transportation and funding constraints the county faces now and in the future.

Ms. Ferris explained over the last year there have been studies by Summit County, most of the municipalities within the county, and also UDOT. A lot of the most current plans have focused on alternative modes of transportation as a preferred solution to a lot of congestion issues. Some input expressed by the public has been: "The bus system is not convenient; it takes too long; stops are not near my house; there's nowhere to park my car and catch the bus; and when are you actually going to do something instead of doing another study?"

Ms. Ferris stated the strategies to address these issues have been divided into three categories: Policy Direction, Transit Capital Investment Needs, and Roadway Capital Investment Needs.

Derrick Radke, Director of Public Works, stated the short-term and long-term strategies will be very similar. These strategies included significant improvements to transit, frequency, efficiency, improved amenities, improving connectivity amongst the community, and implementing alternative modes of transportation. Bike sharing and E-Bikes were discussed as alternative modes of transportation. Council Member McMullin stated it needs to be determined where E-Bikes are prohibited on trail systems. Mr. Radke agreed and stated the community as a whole needs to decide on a system that can be utilized throughout the county which allows flexibility, especially in instances of a one-way trip.

Mr. Radke stated historically \$3 million a year has been spent the last couple of years on the transit center. Capacity projects over the last few years have averaged \$1.5 million, and pavement maintenance has averaged \$3.8 million a year. He explained in the five-year Capital Facilities Plan; transit capital estimated the county would spend about \$2.5 million a year. Alternative modes of transportation costs were minimal. Capacity projects were averaged at about \$5.9 million, and pavement maintenance averaged \$4.1 million.

Mr. Radke stated some "wish list" items for county transit improvement included expanded service such as increased frequency and expanded routes, improved and added facilities, new routes to Eastern Summit County and Wasatch County, and fixed guideways. Also included were alternative modes of transportation such as bike share, E-Bikes, new and connected transportation trails, intercepted and imbedded Park-and-Ride facilities, vehicle capacity, improved intersections and interchanges over the short-term and long-term, added lanes, and other roads that need to be widened.

Mr. Radke stated if everything on the wish list was implemented, the average annual needs for transit operations over the short-term was \$7 million a year, for a total of \$38 million for the short-range and \$59 million in the long-range.

Mr. Radke stated in conclusion, the estimated projected costs way exceed the ability to be funded. He stated a subcommittee would need to be established to work to prioritize projects and fine tune them to figure out which items will give the county the most return on investment and configure a funding mechanism that makes the most sense.

Chair Armstrong and Council Member McMullin volunteered to be on the transportation subcommittee.

A recess was taken 4:34 p.m. to 5:04 p.m.

CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL

- **Pledge of Allegiance**

APPOINT MEMBER TO THE SOUTH SUMMIT CEMETERY MAINTENANCE DISTRICT

Vice Chair Robinson made a motion for the appointment of Phares Gines to the South Summit Cemetery Maintenance District. The motion was seconded by Council Member Carson and passed unanimously, 5 to 0.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 2016-02 PROVIDING PUBLIC SAFETY RETIREMENT FOR DISPATCHERS

Melanie Crittenden, Sheriff's Office Communications, explained dispatchers are currently on the public employee's retirement system, which is 30-35 years retirement, and they are trying to get approval for public safety retirement. Last year in 2015, House Bill 115 was passed to allow public safety retirement to go to 20-25 years instead of the 30-35 years.

Ms. Crittenden explained they tried for several years to get this bill passed and failed, but with a huge amount of support from the Sheriff's Association they were able to get it passed. She stated state dispatch agencies have been on it since July 1st of last year and Park City Police went on it as well last year. With future movement towards merging with Park City, it's a high concern that if they are not on the same retirement system there's going to be system concerns that arise.

Brian Bellamy, Human Resource Director, stated the money was budgeted and approved by the Council in the budget process and can be retro-activated back to January 1st.

Council Member McMullin made a motion for the adoption of Resolution 2016-02 providing public safety retirement for dispatchers. The motion was seconded by Council Member Carson and passed unanimously, 5 to 0.



Summit County
Resolution Number 2016-02

RESOLUTION REQUESTING COVERAGE FOR CERTIFIED DISPATCHERS IN THE
PUBLIC SAFETY RETIREMENT SYSTEM

WHEREAS, Summit County is authorized to employ public safety personnel on a full-time basis; and

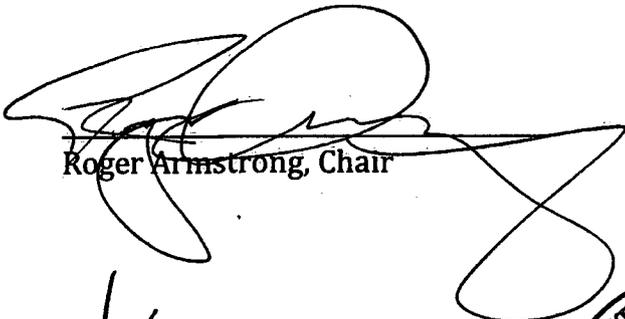
WHEREAS, an election is allowed by Utah State law to provide Public Safety Retirement benefits for certified dispatch personnel by the County; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Summit County Council to approve and authorize coverage under the Utah Retirement System's Public Safety Retirement for Summit County's Peace Officers Standards and Training (POST) Certified Dispatch Personnel.

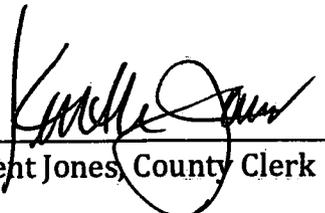
NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Summit County Council, we undertake all of the necessary actions to enroll the County in the benefit programs of the Utah Public Safety Retirement System offered by Utah Retirement Systems, including the retirement coverage and death benefit coverage for qualified employees under the laws and regulations of the Utah Retirement Systems effective January 1, 2016.

ADOPTED by the Summit County Council, this 17th day of February, 2016.

Summit County Council


Roger Armstrong, Chair

2/17/16
Date


Kent Jones, County Clerk

2/17/16
Date



COUNCIL COMMENTS

Vice Chair Robinson stated he attended a J-TAB meeting and there was a discussion that the bylaws for interlocal agreement only really call out for one elected official from each entity, and has been officially amended to say it will have two, which they thought was important given the key role the transit is playing in the overall transportation puzzle.

Manager Tom Fisher stated Caroline Ferris gave an update on the marketing communication group that has employed and they've been working out some details on the branding of such. He stated the transportation committee received a brief update on a short-range transit plan and its timing and they are now looking at an April finish. Mr. Fisher added that ridership from extended bus service has been very successful and Vice Chair Robinson stated the county already has year-to-date almost 80 or 90 percent of what the riders would have been the previous year.

Vice Chair Robinson discussed a meeting he attended with Mountain Accord and the partners on the I-80 corridor study. He stated in his mind this study was geared as sort of an offset to the big, deepest studies going on in the Canyons, and Mountain Accord is more focused on what can be done now in the next five years that's going to make a difference on actual items that really help the county, so it was a good meeting.

Council Member Carson stated regarding legislative issues there was information received on bill H.B. 360, which is Representative Mel Brown's Land Use Bill, which requires counties and municipalities to publish certain land use ordinance information. She stated she feels it's unnecessary and doesn't see what it accomplishes.

Council Member Carson stated there's also a bill that would eliminate CDAs and RDAs and replace them with a modified RDA. Dave Thomas, Deputy Attorney, explained it's a community reinvestment area that basically takes away all three of the old CDAs and reduces them all into one. He explained if you're going to do a typical CDA, you're still going to be able to do it, but you're going to have to have more buy-in on what the specifics of the public improvements are for the interlocal agreements that you have with all of the taxing entities. Mr. Thomas stated this bill is really top heavy in terms of if a plan gets approved, you would need to establish when it's coming, what specifically it is, and how much money you're going to use for it.

Council Member Carson mentioned bill S.B. 168 would defer developer's property taxes for six years. Dave Thomas explained it accumulates interest but not penalties. He stated it's tied to the plat and when that lot is sold, the lot owner will have to pay all the back taxes including all of the interest.

Chair Armstrong stated he participated in a Mountain Accord webinar on Friday led by Laney Jones and she talked about things being "sticky" right now on the land use issues. If the land use designations don't go through, it's going to make the rest of the Accord study tough and the coalition won't have support. He stated with respect to the Cottonwood Canyons they're looking at shorter-term solutions, whether it's shuttles or increasing capacity and how they are going to do that. A study of Routes 224 and 248 are being conducted.

Chair Armstrong stated he attended a COG meeting the previous night and thought it was a good meeting. He stated the highlight of the meeting was probably the discussion with a couple of members from the Eastern Summit County Planning Commission about how the mayors in Eastern Summit County perceive the development code rewrite. They expressed some concerns primarily about density outside of the cities. The view is that density is one of those things that have been regarded as being best kept inside city limits. Initially when presenting the proposed maps, the density immediately outside the cities tended to be just slightly less than that inside the cities, and in some cases the proposals that will be brought before the Council, those densities have increased. That causes the mayors some concerns with respect to infrastructure and water, sewer, and how that's going to be handled.

He stated they also discussed sustainability which had to do with the new solar program to try and promote people adding solar panels to their homes, and the mayors seemed to respond pretty well to that. Also discussed during COG was the Wildfire Management change.

MANAGER COMMENTS

Manager Tom Fisher stated they planned on doing a couple of trainings for staff this year. Utah local government's trust, as a facilitator, will come in and talk about some of the leadership ideas.

Heather Nalette, Senior Citizen Coordinator stated on Tuesday, March 15th, there will be a RSVP senior luncheon at the Retired Senior Program. The Mountain Life Association of Veterans puts on a thank-you luncheon for them. She stated this year they're doing a special thank you to the veterans who also volunteer because they served their country and now they're serving their communities. She stated they have made a special pin for them, so for every five years of service, they get a pin for showing their service, which is something special for volunteers. She stated they are asking any elected officials who want to present these pins to come and participate.

Ms. Nalette stated Meals on Wheels has a program they do every March and they ask any elected officials who would like to serve meals to the Meals on Wheels recipients to participate. This is scheduled to take place on March 17th. In Summit County there is one Meals on Wheels truck that serves the whole area, approximately 80 participants.

PUBLIC INPUT

Chair Armstrong opened the public input.

Sara Pierce presented the Council with a thank-you gift of a signed and framed Sundance poster, which was accepted by Chair Armstrong.

Chair Armstrong closed the public input.

WORK SESSION – (Continued)

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Sara Pierce', written over a faint circular stamp or watermark.

INTERVIEW APPLICANT FOR VACANCIES ON THE EASTERN SUMMIT COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

Rich Sonntag was interviewed for the Eastern Summit County Planning Commission vacancy.

CLOSED SESSION

Council Member Carson made a motion to convene in closed session to discuss personnel. The motion was seconded by Council Member McMullin and passed unanimously, 5 to 0.

The Summit County Council met in closed session for the purpose of discussing personnel from 6:40 p.m. to 7:10 p.m. Those in attendance were:

Roger Armstrong, *Council Chair*
Chris Robinson, *Council Vice-Chair*
Kim Carson, *Council Member*
Claudia McMullin, *Council Member*
Talbot Adair, *Council Member*

Tom Fisher, *Manager*
Anita Lewis, *Assistant Manager*
Robert Hilder, *Attorney*
David Thomas, *Deputy Attorney*

Vice Chair Robinson made a motion to dismiss from closed session and to convene in work session. The motion was seconded by Council Member Adair and passed unanimously, 5 to 0.

WORK SESSION – (Continued)

CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL – (Continued)

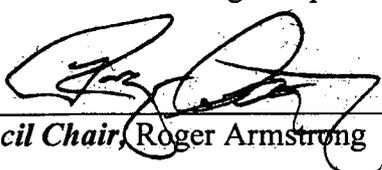
APPOINT MEMBERS TO THE SNYDERVILLE BASIN PLANNING COMMISSION

Council Member McMullin made a motion for the reappointment of Bea Peck and the appointment of Julia Reynolds Collins to the Snyderville Basin Planning Commission. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Robinson and passed unanimously, 5 to 0.

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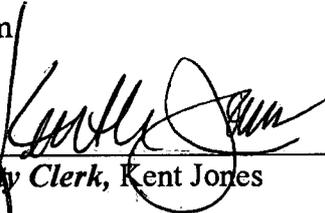
Council Member McMullin made a motion for the reappointment of Tonja Hanson and the appointment of Rich Sonntag to the Eastern Summit County Planning Commission. The motion was seconded by Council Member Adair and passed unanimously, 5 to 0.

All other business being completed, the Council adjourned 7:00pm



Council Chair, Roger Armstrong





County Clerk, Kent Jones