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JANUARY 10, 2012**

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**January 10, 2012**

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**CACHE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**January 10, 2012**

The Cache County Council convened in a regular session on January 10, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. in the Cache County Council Chamber at 199 North Main, Logan, Utah.

**ATTENDANCE:**

**Chairman:** Craig "W" Buttars  
**Vice Chairman:** Val Potter  
**Council Members:** H. Craig Petersen, Kathy Robison, Jon White, Cory Yeates & Gordon Zilles.  
**County Executive:** M. Lynn Lemon  
**County Clerk:** Jill N. Zollinger  
**County Attorney:** Denise Ciebien (**James Swink absent**)

**The following individuals were also in attendance:** Janeen Allen, Marie Hales, Sharon L. Hoth, Lieutenant Brian Locke, Dave Nielsen, Joyce Watterson, Jason Winn, **Media:** Jennie Christensen (KVNU).

**OPENING REMARKS AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

County Executive Lemon gave the opening remarks and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**ACTION:** Motion by Council member Zilles to approve the agenda as written. Potter seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, 6-0. Yeates absent.

**REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**ACTION:** Motion by Council member Robison to approve the minutes of the December 13, 2011 Council Meeting as written. Buttars seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, 6-0. Yeates absent.

Council member Yeates joined the meeting.

**REPORT OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE: M. LYNN LEMON**

**APPOINTMENTS:**

Lee Atwood	Cache County Board of Adjustment
Jay Christensen	Cache County Board of Adjustment
Aaron Dickey	Cache Valley Transit District
Stephen J. Thatcher	Weed Control Board

**ACTION:** Motion by Council member Zilles to approve the recommended appointments. Potter seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, 7-0.

**WARRANTS:** Warrants for the periods 10-28-2011 to 11-03-2011, 11-25-2011 to 12-01-2011, 12-02-2011 to 12-08-2011, 12-09-2011 to 12-15-2011, 12-16-2011 to 12-22-2011 and 12-23-2011 to 12-30-2011 were given to the Clerk for filing.

### OTHER ITEMS

- **Box Elder Landfill Proposal** – Executive Lemon reported a visit from Commissioner Adams from Box Elder County. Adams indicated that Box Elder County has met with too much resistance and challenges and will not be making a proposal on a joint landfill agreement with Cache County. Adams would like Cache County to consider a joint proposal relating to waste energy conversion. Lemon believes Logan City might be interested in such a venture.

Council member Potter asked what Cache County needs to do to spread the word that it is Box Elder's decision to not pursue a landfill agreement and Cache County has done all it could to facilitate the agreement. Executive Lemon said he will check into getting the information to interested parties in the northern part of the county.

Council member Zilles noted that Box Elder County has settled the lawsuit with Selman's and there will be a seasonal closure on Three-Mile Road on the Box Elder side.

- **Licenses for KBYU and CW30** have been received and KJZZ has turned its license over to the county as well.
- **Community Development Area for Pepperidge Farms** – Executive Lemon observed that Zions Public Finance is working on the Community Development Area for Pepperidge Farms. There will probably be a public hearing set on the issue at the January 24, 2012 Council meeting. Lemon is very supportive of the Pepperidge Farms expansion because it will benefit all of the county.
- **New General Ledger System** – Lemon stated that the county has been working to convert to a new general ledger system for several months and the changeover occurred at the beginning of January 2012. There are a few problems, but they are being worked through.

### ITEMS OF SPECIAL INTEREST

- **Election of Council Chair and Vice Chair for 2012 County Council** – Chairman White opened the meeting for nominations.

Council member Petersen nominated Craig "W" Buttars for Council Chair for 2012. Council member Potter seconded the nomination.

**Council member Yeates moved that the nominations cease. The vote was unanimous, 7-0.**

**Chairman White called for the vote on Buttars. The vote was unanimous, 7-0.**

**Craig "W" Buttars will be the Council Chair for 2012. Chairman White turned the conduct of the meeting to Buttars.**

Council member Petersen nominated Val Potter for Council Vice Chair for 2012.

**Council member White moved that the nominations cease. The vote was unanimous, 7-0.**

**Chairman Buttars called for the vote on Potter. The vote was unanimous, 7-0.**

**Val Potter will be the Council Vice Chair for 2012.**

### **INITIAL PROPOSAL FOR CONSIDERATION**

- **Farmland Assessment/Greenbelt Requirements Discussion – Assessor Howell** distributed a handout with a short overview of the Utah Farmland Assessment Act and briefly reviewed the history of the greenbelt law. Howell stressed that the greenbelt program is a program to preserve farmland – not green space or open space. Utah hires the soil conservation organizations to take the plat maps land determine what kind of land each plat it – irrigated tillable? Dry? Grazing land? Five acres are required exclusive of a residence and it must be farmable and actively devoted to agriculture with a reasonable expectation of profit. The applicant must take off of the ground 50% of the expected gross product. Utah State University does a study each year based on the class of land and determines what the expected gross product is. Any change of ownership that changes the property description or creates a subdivision automatically takes the land out of greenbelt and the property owner must wait two years before applying for greenbelt again and must present two years' worth of production statements for the property. Executive Lemon asked about the requirement for a fence. Howell asserted that, if an individual is using the land for grazing, it must be fenced else how would the stock be kept on the land? Some areas in the mountainous areas do not require fencing because of natural barriers, such as a cliff.
- **Council Approval of Precinct Redistricting Changes** – Clerk Jill Zollinger and Wendy Hurd acquainted the Council, via a power point presentation, with proposed changes to precinct lines necessitated by the Utah State Legislature's redistricting. Zollinger said the final precinct plan will be presented in ordinance form to the Council at the January 24, 2012 Council meeting.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

- ✓ **2012 Council Member Board and Committee Assignments** – Council members reviewed their proposed assignments for 2012 and concurred with the assignments.

(Attachment 1)

- ✓ **Legislators' Meetings During Session** will be held each Saturday at 7:30 a.m. in Room 109 of the County Administration Building beginning January 28, 2012 through March 3, 2012. Representative Webb has also reserved the room for pre-session meetings at the same time on Saturday, January 14, 2012 and Saturday, January 21, 2012.

- ✓ **Council Holiday Social** – Chairman Buttars stated that the Council Winter Social will be Tuesday, January 17, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. at Elements Restaurant.

**COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS** – Chairman Buttars asked Council members to state their goals for the Council for 2012.

**Kathy Robison** listed sustainable strategies for air quality improvement on red air days, moving forward with the landfill siting process and having a step-in-grade plan for employee compensation by July as her goals.

Chairman Buttars said he would like to create a working group to discuss the step-in-grade compensation plan as well as meeting with some organizations/businesses in the community and have a report back to the Council by March. Buttars asked if there were Council members interested in serving in that working group? Zilles and Potter responded they would like to.

**Craig Petersen** echoed Robison's goals plus a need for public education about the RAPZ/Restaurant Tax as it will be on the ballot for voter approval again this year. Chairman Buttars will bring up the issue with the mayors in the county who he will be meeting with this Saturday.

**Jon White** also listed an employee compensation plan as a priority and would like to check the insurance and retirement costs. Executive Lemon said he wants to meet with the State Retirement Board and challenge their numbers. Council member Robison suggested requesting retirement costs as a topic for the spring UAC meeting. Lemon agreed that was a good idea. Vice Chairman Potter said Senator Hillyard told him there is a definite need for the increased retirement costs. White also listed a clustering ordinance as a priority for the Council to consider.

**Gordon Zilles** reiterated an employee compensation plan and a clustering ordinance as his priorities.

**Cory Yeates** also stated the RAPZ/Restaurant Tax issue as a priority.

**Val Potter** listed the canal project progression, mountain road issues and air quality strategies for yellow days or before. Potter recommended waiting for the state's recommendations and then working with the Health Department for developing proactive strategies. An employee compensation plan was also on his list.

**Craig "W" Buttars** said those goals covered his as well.

**Executive Lemon** said the county is embarking on a water master plan and the Council should make sure they are involved in the process. Our water must be protected – it is a major issue.

Council member Zilles asked about the status of the Millville Bridge. Lemon said the county recommended taking it out but FEMA and Millville feel there is some basis for leaving the bridge as another egress from Millville. The county will repair the bridge and then turn it over to Millville. White asked what the difference in money is from what FEMA will pay and the cost to fix the bridge? Lemon replied it is about \$12,000.00.

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Council member Petersen mentioned that January 31, 2012 is a fifth Tuesday – does the Council want to have a joint meeting with the Logan City Council? Executive Lemon will notify Logan City of a joint meeting to be held Tuesday, January 31, 2012 at 5:30 p.m. in Room 109 of the County Administration Building. Lemon would like the topic of waste energy as a topic for discussion. Petersen suggested the landfill issue as well.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Council meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

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**ATTEST:** Jill N. Zollinger  
County Clerk

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**APPROVAL:** Craig "W" Buttars  
Chairman

**2012 CACHE COUNTY COUNCIL  
BOARD AND COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS**

<b>M. Lynn Lemon</b>	<b>County Executive</b>	<b>Position</b>
Cache County Community Foundation Board		President
Cache County Emergency Medical Services (CCEMS) Governing Board		Board Member
Cache County Fire Board		Board Member
Employee Compensation Working Group		Member
Logan-Cache Airport Authority Board		Board Member
North Park Interlocal Cooperative (NPIC) Governing Board		Board Member
Cache County Fairgrounds Advisory Board		Chair
Bear River Association of Governments (BRAG) Governing Board		Board Member
Solid Waste Advisory Board		Chair
RAPZ / Restaurant Tax Committee		Committee Member
Property Tax Hardship Committee		Committee Member
Water Committee		Committee Member
IT Committee		Committee Member

<b>Craig "W" Buttars</b>	<b>Council Chair</b>	<b>Position</b>
Cache County Municipal Building Authority		Registered Agent
Cache County Municipal Building Authority		President
Cache County Emergency Medical Services (CCEMS) Governing Board		Board Member
Cache County Fire Board		Board Member
Solid Waste Advisory Board		Voting Board Member
Water Committee		Committee Member
Law Enforcement Advisory Board		Board Member

<b>Val K. Potter</b>	<b>Council Vice Chair</b>	<b>Position</b>
Cache County Municipal Building Authority		Vice President
Cache County Emergency Medical Services (CCEMS) Governing Board		Board Member
Employee Compensation Working Group		Member
Logan-Cache Airport Authority Board		Board Member
North Park Interlocal Cooperative (NPIC) Governing Board		Board Member
Bear River Association of Governments (BRAG) Governing Board		Board Member
Law Enforcement Advisory Board		Board Member

<b>H. Craig Petersen</b>	<b>Council Member</b>	<b>Position</b>
Cache County Audit Committee		Committee Member
Solid Waste Advisory Board		Council Liaison
RAPZ / Restaurant Tax Committee		Committee Member
IT Committee		Committee Member
Regional Council		Council Member

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<b>Kathy Robison</b>	<b>Council Member</b>	<b>Position</b>
Cache County Municipal Building Authority		Board Member
Cache County Community Foundation Board		Vice President
Cache County Fairgrounds Advisory Board		Board Member
Cache County Library Board		Chair
Bear River Association of Governments (BRAG) Human Services Board		Board Member
Property Tax Hardship Committee		Committee Member
Homeless Task Force		Member

<b>Jon White</b>	<b>Council Member</b>	<b>Position</b>
Cache County Municipal Building Authority		Board Member
Water Committee		Committee Member
Cache County Planning & Zoning Commission		Committee Member
Cache County Agricultural Advisory Board		Board Member

<b>Cory Yeates</b>	<b>Council Member</b>	<b>Position</b>
Cache County Audit Committee		Committee Member
Cache County Fairgrounds Advisory Board		Board Member
Bear River Association of Governments (BRAG) Governing Board		Board Member
Property Tax Hardship Committee		Committee Member

<b>Gordon A. Zilles</b>	<b>Council Member</b>	<b>Position</b>
Cache County Fire Board		Board Member
Employee Compensation Working Group		Member
North Park Interlocal Cooperative (NPIC) Governing Board		Board Member
RAPZ / Restaurant Tax Committee		Committee Member
Water Committee		Committee Member
Hardware Ranch Advisory Board		Board Member