

CACHE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING June 24, 2003

The Cache County Council convened in a regular session on June 24, 2003, in the Cache County Council Chamber at 179 North Main, Logan, Utah.

ATTENDANCE:

Chairman: H. Craig Petersen
Vice Chairman: Cory Yeates
Council Members: Brian Chambers, Paul Cook, Darrel Gibbons, John A. Hansen and Kathy Robison.
County Executive: M. Lynn Lemon
County Clerk: Jill N. Zollinger

The following individuals were also in attendance: Kim Cheshire, Rob Cruz, Newel Daines, Bryan Davies, Jack Draxler, Joe Fuhriman, Spencer Gibbons, Lorene Greenhalgh, Maridene Hancock, Jonathan Hardman, JoLynn Lyon, Bill Oblock, Mayor Kip E. Panter, Evelyn Palmer, Pat Parker, Ray Peterson, Kelly Pitcher, Brian Potts, Christopher Sands, Jim Smith, Auditor Tamra Stones, Sonya Warner, Scott Wells, Von Williamson, **Media:** Joe Rowley (Herald Journal), Jennie Christensen, Eric Frandsen - (KVNU)

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Petersen called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

INVOCATION:

The invocation was given by John A. Hansen

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Chairman Petersen lead those present in the Pledge of Allegiance

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Changes to the agenda:

1. **Item 9-b:** setting a public hearing for a budget opening was added to the agenda.
2. **Item 7-a:** Introduction of Cache County Rodeo Royalty was deleted from the agenda.

There were no objections to the changes and the agenda was approved as amended.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes of the June 10, 2003 Council meeting were reviewed, corrected and approved.

REPORT OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE: M. LYNN LEMON

APPOINTMENTS: Executive Lemon turned to Chairman Petersen to present the following recommended appointments:

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Linda Marble
Jeanette Christensen
Stacie Gomm

Cache County Library Board, Chairman
Cache County Library Board member
Cache County Library Board member

ACTION: Motion by Vice Chairman Yeates to accept the recommended appointments. Hansen seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, 7-0.

WARRANTS: The warrants for the periods of 05-30-2003 to 06-05-2003; 06-06-2003 to 06-11-2003; and 06-12-2003 to 06-19-2003 were given to the Clerk for filing.

OTHER ITEMS:

- **PILT - Payment in lieu of taxes.** The amount budgeted for the PILT payment was \$303,209.00. Information had been received that the County would receive \$335,179.00 from the State, an increase of \$31,970.00.
- **Millville Canyon.** Millville Canyon is still open; however areas to the deer fence have been closed.
- **Willow Park Advisory Board Memo.** On May 27, 2003, it was determined by the Council that the County would only be able to meet the budget that was met last year. It was confirmed with Mayor Thompson that the changes had been made; however Mayor Thompson voiced that there was still a need to find additional revenue to help with the complex. Executive Lemon thought that perhaps money from the RAPZ tax possibly could help in this area and could be looked to for additional money.

UPDATE OF FOREST SERVICE PROJECTS: ROB CRUZ

Rob Cruz reported that a scoping letter had been sent out with eight small projects that were going on in the district.

Problems that have occurred:

- **Guinavah-Malibu Water System Repair and Tony Grove Water System Repair.** The existing systems are outdated and do not meet EPA standards. Because of problems over the last few years, those systems were shut down until they are totally repaired. A temporary alternate route for the water systems is being searched out so that the Guinavah-Malibu Campground can have water.
- **Warming Hut up Providence Canyon.** There had been problems with vandalism in the warming hut that Stan Checketts owns, which was permitted to be built on Forest land. The proposal is to close approximately 1/3 mile of road that passes directly in front of the Mt. Logan Warming Hut. The road is unnecessary since it parallels Providence Canyon Road and is believed to be a contributing factor in vandalism to the Mt. Logan Warming Hut. The Forest

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Service has asked for public comments concerning the closure.

- **Tony Grove Lake Parking Area.** Starting July 1 a parking fee will be required to park in the Tony Grove Lake recreational area. The fee will be: \$3.00 per car/day, \$10.00 per week and \$25.00 for the summer. The reason for the fee is to cover the costs of maintenance and the need to make improvements to recreational facilities in the area.
- **Grants Opportunity.** The Forest Service is accepting applications for Urban and Community Forest Projects up to July 17, 2003. The Forestry Service through the "State and Private Forestry Division" has approximately \$25,000.00 set aside to help communities with Forest-based projects to: **1)** improve the understanding of benefits of trees, **2)** to encourage partnerships in development, maintenance and enhancement of community forests and **3)** to encourage National Forest and Grasslands personnel, on a volunteer basis, to work with their communities for improving community trees and forests. The maximum money allocated to a project is \$3,000.00.

BUDGET TRANSFER:

Auditor Tamra Stones presented an intra-departmental budget transfer for Support Services:

(Attachment No. 1)

The amount of \$1,981.00 was to be transferred from the "Employee Benefits" fund to the UCJJ Grant Special Department supplies fund to make final expenditures on the UCJJ Grant funding from 2002. This money was to be replaced in benefits when the budget was opened

ACTION: Motion by Council member Cook to approve the budget transfer for Support Services. Robison seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, 7-0.

PUBLIC HEARING SET: TO ESTABLISH AN AGRICULTURAL PROTECTION AREA FOR THE LOWELL R. GLEN PROPERTIES - Earl and Carol Glen and Lowell R. Glen Trust

The proposal to set the public hearing for the Lowell R. Glen properties' agricultural protection area was for July 8, 2003 at 6:00 p.m.

ACTION: Motion by Vice Chairman Yeates to set the public hearing. Cook seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, 7-0.

PUBLIC HEARING SET: BUDGET OPENING 2003

The proposed date and time of the public hearing to open the 2003 Budget was July 8, 2003 at 6:15 p.m.

ACTION: Motion by Council member Cook to set the public hearing to open the 2003 Budget. Yeates seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, 7-0.

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ADMINISTRATION BUILDING UPDATE: EXECUTIVE LEMON

Executive Lemon reported that the cost to move the various County departments thus far was approximately \$3,700.00. There might be additional costs; however, the total cost would be less than \$5,000.00. This was commendable because the initial bids were \$25,000.00. Generally the new Administration building was finished with a few items to be finished up. A detailed, prepared report would be forthcoming.

Council member Gibbons brought up the fact that BRAG would like to know what the County plans to do with the building at 170 N Main. **Executive Lemon** indicated that until the historic courthouse was finished, the building would be used as a staging area.

The next phase would be the demolition of the old Council/Courts building which would begin on July 15 and would run three weeks.

CACHE COUNTY HISTORIC COURTHOUSE UPDATE:

Newel Daines, Project Manager, related the sequence of events for the Historic Courthouse:

- On July 1st initial interior demolition begins.
- Construction will take about a year.
- Plans will be finalized when all the additions to that building are removed and it is back to its original form.
- Proposed plans by the next Council meeting would be submitted.

JAIL FACILITY UPDATE:

Sheriff Nelson submitted the Jail Complex progress report.

(Attachment No. 2)

Lt. Kim Cheshire related that the Jail pod had a temporary roof over it and it was scheduled to have carpet and paint by the end of July. He noted that there was a hold up of about 3 weeks on the Administration building because of road and sewer issues. County Attorney Daines, was working on getting these problems resolved.

There had been some design changes on the Generator building at no additional cost. There will also be a three-car garage for storage. That building was already proposed in the budget. Two change orders were signed by Executive Lemon. The sprinkling system was pulled out of Sahara's control because buying the equipment and installing it would be a lot cheaper with the idea that the County will supply the labor. Most of the problems had been resolved.

The final four deputies were just hired for the jail. Nine deputies were to be sent on July 21st to the academy.

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STRATEGIC PLANNING FOR CACHE COUNTY GOVERNMENT:

Chairman Petersen commented on the dinner with Governor Leavitt. He mentioned the fact that Governor Leavitt issued a challenge to the Counties to use the internet and engage in more on-line services. So, Chairman Petersen had sent a memo to all departments that they take this into consideration as they consider their unit planning.

FINAL PLAT APPROVAL: NORTH PINE CANYON RANCH SUBDIVISION

(Attachment No. 3)

Lorene Greenhalgh: Scott Wells, the initiator of the plat, had put together a 3-Lot minor subdivision with 2 remainder parcels that were agricultural. He had everything in line and had made the corrections requested by the Planning Commission.

ACTION: Motion by Council member Cook to waive the rules and approve the North Pine Canyon Ranch subdivision. Gibbons seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, 7-0.

FINAL PLAT APPROVAL: RAY PETERSON MINOR SUBDIVISION

(Attachment No. 4)

Lorene Greenhalgh: The only item of concern was the crossing of the railroad tracks. It was only 14ft. wide and the County ordinance requires 20ft. The Planning Commission dealt with that by saying that if there were to be any more houses on this lot, that they would have to widen that to 20ft.

ACTION: Motion by Council member Gibbons to waive the rules and approve the Ray Petersen Minor Subdivision. Hansen seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, 7-0.

DISCUSSION: AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY BOARD'S REQUEST FOR 20 MILLION DOLLAR BOND

The proposal from the Agricultural Advisory board was to put a question on the November election ballot in regards to a \$20,000,000.00 bond to purchase conservation easements. Chairman Petersen asked for comments from the Advisory Board. and accepted other comments from the public.

DISCUSSION:

BILL OBLOCK, from the Agricultural Advisory Board, stated that the Board had conducted a telephone survey question to residents for their input on the protection of agricultural land. The Board has met for a year now and it was proposed to put the question on the ballot for this year. Because of the daily loss of agriculture land and because the survey responses would be fresh in the minds of the people, it would be a good time to do this. Comment was that this election being a municipal election may not have as big of a representation of people in the voter turnout.

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Council member Cook noted the area impacted the most would be the County's areas. He agreed that it would help everyone but the lands in question would be in the unincorporated areas. There is no election for the unincorporated area itself this year.

Christopher Sands, Advisory Board member, agreed there would not be as big of a representation of the people and that to do the election this year would require the County to put together a special election ballot.

Chairman Petersen stated that the ballot question would be something like the survey question and that was pretty much what was being asked for.

Petersen: If this were to go on the ballot, the ballot question would probably be somewhat like the survey question and the survey question read something like this:

“Shall Cache County, Utah, in order to protect and to preserve agricultural lands, wildlife habitat, lands that preserve water quality, scenic landscapes and just as an open space be authorized to issue a general-obligation bond to purchase conservation easements in an amount not to exceed \$20,000,000.00 payable and due in no more that 20-years from the day or dates of said bonds with all expenditures based on the recommendations of a Citizen's Advisory Committee that is subject to an annual, independent audit?”

That might not be exactly the wording but that is pretty much what we are asking for, is that correct?

Sands: Yes.

Council member Gibbons responded that whatever was the Council's decision to do, it should make sure those folks who are in the unincorporated area would have the opportunity to participate in the election.

Oblock felt the Board would agree to that 100 percent.

Gibbons suggested that if the question were put on the next general election ballot, it would be a presidential year and there would be a greater response.

County Clerk, Jill Zollinger had indicated to Chairman Petersen the following turnout percentages: In a **Presidential election year - 60%**, for the **Congressional election year** about **30-35%** and in an **off-year election** about **10-15%** of the voters. Ms. Zollinger stated that this year there were no mayors up for elections and she felt the turnout would be fairly low.

Jon Hardman, District Conservationist for USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, stated for consideration in running this question in the election was that the Farm Bill that provides Federal funds to help make some of these things happen is authorized through 2007. By waiting a year, even though there were merits for doing that, it puts the County one year further away from the funding cycle. The USDA program cycle functions on a yearly basis usually, in April or May. If the County waited clear to November for the people who would access those funds and who would also pursue the Federal dollars, it would be another year out from that funding cycle. So it would be in 2005 with only two years left of the Farm Bill.

Petersen: How is passage of this bond connected to accessibility of Federal funding?

Mr. Hardman: explained that the Farm and Ranch-land protection program that was administered through the NRCS provides up to 50% of the cost of the conservation easement. A landowner or an entity sponsoring that landowner is held responsible to provide up to 50% of the match of those dollars. So, to match those dollars they look at other sources. This might be a source to match those Federal dollars. To date of the landowners in Cache Valley, three people have been successful in getting into those Federal dollars again this go-around.

Jack Draxler, who was the planning Commission Liaison to the Land Evaluation and Site Analysis group (LESA). The LESA group was the committee that tried to come up with the priority for which would be the most valuable land to be protected. He thought there might be a possible advantage of holding the election this Fall because it would be the sole issue for county residents on this election and it could have effective discussion and opportunities for all sides to be aired.

Council member Hansen, who sits on the Agricultural Advisory Committee, commented that farming was not a very profitable vocation right now and that the landowners are letting someone else lease their property. He opened up the thought, when the election is held, to exclude farmers from that property tax increase. He would like to address this issue sometime. **Gibbons:** “If you could make agriculture profitable, you wouldn't have to worry about preserving it.” “People would stay in agriculture, it would continue.”

Hansen noted that ideas from the agricultural discussions over the past year of making agriculture productive have not taken root.

Gibbons felt what was proposed was just a “band-aid,” a one-time infusion of dollars into the agricultural economy. If the economics of agriculture doesn't change so that those involved in that industry can make a living, the money will be spent and then it goes back to the same issue: “What are we going to do to protect agricultural land?” The reality

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according to Councilman Gibbons is that there are those who don't want it protected. They would just as soon develop it and have a profit in some way.

Jon Hardman commented that families looking to pass the farmland down to the next generation are faced with high inheritance tax situations and they are looking for options of how to reduce that tax burden. So, there are some in farming that this fits very well.

Jack Draxler clarified that making agricultural profitable was beyond the scope of the County. He would favor whatever help that could be given for this.

Joe Fuhrman commented that the County-wide survey had a 66% approval rating for this type of program of protecting farmland and open space. When the public was asked if they would be willing to fund part of that, the percentage who were willing to pay taxes to support this kind of thing dropped to 63%. This funding would be a money mechanism to get matching funding so that federal funds could be allocated. He noted that this was a voluntary program and recommended this be put on the November ballot so that the County could support this program.

Christopher Sands commented on the progress over the last year in working with the Board. They had adopted and approved the LESA evaluation. That is a mechanism that needs to be in place as funding comes through in order to prioritize that funding. They also had been initiating their education program the last couple of months. He felt they would be ready to move forward with their education campaign to meet the time-frame of the November election.

CONCLUDING COMMENTS:

Council member Chambers would like to see the bond question on the ballot but the concern was the comparison of the 15% of the voters who would vote this year as opposed to a greater percentage of voters a year from now.

Council member Robison thought more people should be Involved rather just having just 15% of the people making a tax decision for the rest of the people in the County.

Council member Gibbons wanted to take a year to educate the people and have a promotional campaign where the issue would be brought before the people before it was put to a vote so that they would be knowledgeable. He felt that it was important enough to give the largest number of citizens the ability to voice an opinion on the issue. He encouraged an aggressive educational campaign and would like to see it put on the ballot in a general election year.

Jon Hardman reminded the Council that the longer the County waits to put it to a public vote, the more federal dollars that will be lost. Already the County has lost 1.2 Million dollars because it wasn't ready to go with the program.

Chairman Petersen was concerned that the decision to have the bond question on the ballot not be made based on the results of the survey; 17% said definitely yes and 49% said probably yes. He felt that a response of "probably yes" on a telephone survey wasn't very conclusive. Also, he noted that the question on the survey was far too complex for a telephone survey and probably even too complex for a valid written survey. He also did not feel that this was a very good time to put a tax proposal on the ballot because Logan City had just had three different types of tax increases and the County will have a substantial tax increase. There might be a strong negative reaction to any kind of taxation right now, but a year from now it's unpredictable what circumstances might be.

Council member Chambers wondered if those survey results would be different a year from now than they were now. Mr. Sands replied that a survey is really a snapshot relative to the time it is conducted. He would expect there would be change.

Christopher Sands pointed out that Cache County would have an approved program, the LESA program, for how to distribute that money and how to prioritize those properties as they get funded. Also, he commented that if the bond question were to be put on the November election, their education program of the citizens would not start until it was closer to the election because if it were conducted too soon it would not be advantageous.

Tamra Stones requested to know the cost for a special election for the County if it were put on the ballot for 2003.

Jill Zollinger: "We have to pay the cities for partial use of their judges plus the printing of the ballot plus the judges that we would have to man the unincorporated area. I'm guessing \$5,000.00."

No action was taken. This item will be placed on the next Council agenda for a decision as to placement on the ballot.

DISCUSSION: NEW EMPLOYEES FOR CACHE COUNTY JAIL

Executive Lemon had given the Sheriff approval to hire four new deputies.

Lt. Cheshire clarified that the new employees, even though they had been given a tentative job offer, would actually not come on board until next Monday, June 30, 2003.

There would be a budget adjustment at the next budget opening.

PROPOSED 2003 RESTAURANT TAX ALLOCATION:

(Attachment No. 5)

The County has a restaurant tax of 1% imposed on food sold at restaurants including fast food places, etc. This generates about \$600,000.00 that the County allocates. The process used was to receive an application, which is reviewed by the County Executive. His recommendation goes to a committee of County Council members and some others to review that recommendation and bring a proposal to the County.

Brian Chambers, John Hansen and Craig Petersen were at the last committee meeting. Also present were committee members: John Booth, Peggy Tueller and Art Jones. What was before the Council were both the Executive's recommendations and the Committee's recommendations. There were some differences or changes as noted:

<u>Executive</u>	<u>Committee</u>
Allocate to Lewiston <u>\$25,000.00</u>	No allocation to Lewiston (not a viable project in the Committee's opinion and would fall into disrepair); <u>\$20,000.00</u> allocated to the Bridgerland Travel Region for a total of <u>\$50,000.00</u> . Angel Landing Playground (a playground at Willow Park to be developed for handicapped children) allocated <u>\$5,000.00</u> .
Allocate to Cache Valley Cruising \$12,000.00.	Cache Valley Cruise In <u>\$10,000.00</u>

Discussion:

Darrel Gibbons commented that because the water system had been tied in with that of Casper's Ice Cream plants this year, Lewiston City was in the process of separating that service and creating their own independent irrigation service. That project was to be completed within the next two weeks and water for the grass would be accessible. He also said this facility was being used four to five nights a week.

The Committee had been told that the Lewiston park was not being used at all. Mayor Panter responded that he didn't know where that information came from but that it was being utilized and that the lighting project for which that \$25,000.00 was allocated was completed the first year.

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Mayor Kip Panter: The idea was that Richmond and Lewiston would loan \$125,000.00 to the Cub River Sports Complex Board to do the lighting project with the commitment from the Cache County Council from restaurant tax at \$25,000.00 a year for five years. It is our understanding that commitment was made on the first application. We do apply every year and you have a current application in your hands.

The water issue is exactly as Darrel has described it. The water comes out of Clear Creek. We discussed it a year ago or so about the possibility of watering it out of the Richmond irrigation system of which Richmond City has some shares (and are) willing to donate it to the complex and watering it that way. The problem with that is this time of year the region irrigation company puts all those irrigating on turns; so, you get one day a week sometimes. It was our decision to make the commitment to go the other way and buy the shares out of Clear Creek. We are in the process of purchasing those and putting in our on system to run out of Franklin Basin. We are waiting for Utah power and Light to run the power; so, that's part of our delay right now. Once that is put into place, we can run the water anytime we want and it will be a much better process.

The fields are still being developed. We are planning to put home-run fences in and develop the infield so that it will be more attractive. Richmond City and Lewiston City have made commitments to put that thing into full service. The maximum is still being developed.

ACTION: Motion by Council member Gibbons to accept the recommendation as it stands. Vice Chairman Yeates seconded the motion. The vote was held for discussion.

ACTION: Amendment to the motion to approve by Vice Chairman Yeates to follow the County Executive's recommendation. Robison seconded the motion.

Discussion on the Amendment:

Council member Gibbons: To the Committee, what was your reason for reducing the Cruise In?

Council member Hansen: Someone suggested that perhaps they are not spending their money in a wise manner in terms of advertising saying they were trying to get this information out to the public and it was out to the public anyway. So, maybe they were just throwing good dollars after bad and so we cut them back just a little bit.

Council member Chambers: In addition to that, there was also an issue that a substantial portion of the food that was provided comes from out of the valley; and there are vendors in this valley that would like to provide their food. There was the sentiment that those folks were going to come anyway. Even though lower bids were submitted, they still went with some folks that were not from the valley; so, this concerned me as well.

Meridene Hancock: Keep in mind that we did lose about \$32,000.00 from the Utah Travel Council that we usually get from grant monies and all that money goes towards promotions. We are really low on promotion funds this year. We have about \$66,000.00 total.

ACTION: Vote on amendment to the main motion was unanimous. 7-0

Discussion on the Main motion as amended:

Council member Cook: We don't know the full amount of what it will actually be yet?

Executive Lemon: No. This is for what we are going to collect in 2003. We won't actually know that number until the end of this year but we have a pretty good idea. It will be in that neighborhood.

Cook: Along those same lines, earlier this year we had talked about if a given entity that we have given money to in the past, has not completed the project after two years, that we would consider withdrawing the funds for that project.

Lemon: I have told all of the prior projects: "If your funding is not spent by the end of this year, the County Council intends to take it back.

Cook: So we are waiting till the end of this year?

Lemon: Well, didn't we decide that? I thought we thought we ought to give them fair notice and if they didn't spend it by the end of this year, then you would take that funding back.

Cook: Tamra, do we have any idea at this point what entities are flapping are out there that haven't spent their money?

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Lemon: I do.

Yeates: What's the total number of dollars at this point?

Lemon: I don't know the total, I should have done that, but I have P.O.'s as far as outstanding P.O.'s.

Council member Gibbons: How much is that outstanding balance that we carry every year that is unexpended? Do we dare allocate it twice?

Lemon: I don't think you do. We've told entities we want you to pay for part of this, we don't want to provide all of the funding. As soon as we say if you don't spend that by December 31, it will be gone, I don't think there'll be many that don't spend it. There could be some. (Tape Change) We have in the past encouraged them not to just do the project to receive the funding. We've wanted them to raise their own money to get their own in kind, to really develop the project. Now we have said these projects need to be mature enough to spend the money within 18 months. If they are not, whatever you allocate tonight you'll take back at the end of December of 2004. That is a little bit different philosophy than they have been operating with in the past. There is a fund balance there but I don't think we want to stretch that.

Gibbons: Would it be out of line to re-open a discussion on restaurant tax allocation say in September or October and review how collections are coming in and seeing how close we are to our projection. At that time maybe coming back and doing some reconsideration.

Lemon: By September, we'll actually know what we have collected through July.

Cook: What these organizations seem to somehow show is how this is going to continue to draw in tourism or to support tourism.

Lemon: It's tourism, convention, recreation, cultural. It either needs to be publicly funded or publicly operated for a capital project or for tourism promotion..

Cook: Could you just tell me a little bit about this electrical upgrade at the fair grounds?

Council member Yeates: Two phases of the electrical have been completed. They still have some work on the east side that they were going to do, but maybe that money is already budgeted. Now they are going to improve some of the lighting within the Equestrian facility that is sitting down there in Willow Park.

Jill Zollinger: They have had trouble when they tried to trim the cows at fair time. There is just a lot of trouble with the electricity.

Lemon: The County has relied upon the Willow Park Advisory Board, which is made up of members of the County and Logan City, to give us a priority. I think that is somewhere between \$90,000.00 and 100,000.00. One thing we definitely need is the outdoor arena catwalk. That is a critical thing because we had a little girl injured there last year.

Council member Cook: I am very concerned about the effect on our Bridgerland travel region. We would be putting that down to \$35,000.00?

Yeates: As was recommended.

Cook: You have already lost about \$30,000 a year from the State?

Meridene Hancock: I am totally tapped out in funding this year.

Gibbons: What are our limitations with TRT, Lynn?

Lemon: That is Meridene's budget and we are using \$62,500.00 out of that to match the American West Heritage Center/Welcome Center. We made a \$90,000.00 per year commitment on that. We have been paying \$22,500.00 out of the restaurant tax and \$67,500.00 out of TRT.

Cook: I'd like a little more information about the Cache Valley Cruise In. It sounds like they are looking outside of the County. Did you have some angst about the way they are operating at this time?

Chambers: Quite a lot of the food is provided substantially by out-of-valley vendors.

Yeates: (Out-of-valley Vendors) who do pay restaurant tax.

Lemon: We did have a meeting with them last year and we were told that they would pay restaurant tax.

Yeates: They do. When you become a vendor, you have to fill out a state tax commission form and are taxed.

Jill Zollinger: The State Tax Commission comes around to every booth at our fair and they do the same thing.

Gibbons: I am not in favor of reducing that allocation.

Yeates: I think we give them a very modest amount considering the amount of advertising that they do and the number of participants that come in each year.

Kathy Robison: Didn't he say last year that there was a legitimate concern that they would be able to continue doing the Cruise In?

Lemon: We cut the allocation a couple of years ago and they came back to us and said: "We're thinking about not doing it."

Noted by Chairman Peterson: To schedule on the second Council meeting in September

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discussion of the Restaurant tax allocation. Bridgerland Travel Region would be the first looked at for additional money.

ACTION: Amendment to the amended motion by Vice Chairman Yeates to increase the Travel Region's budget by \$5,000.00 from anticipated revenues and to reduce Utah Festival Opera by \$10,000.00 and giving that \$15,000.00 to the Bridgerland Travel Region to meet some expenses. Cook seconded the motion. The motion failed.

Amendment to the Amended Motion: The vote was 2-5

	<u>CHAMBERS</u>	<u>COOK</u>	<u>GIBBONS</u>	<u>HANSEN</u>	<u>PETERSEN</u>	<u>ROBISON</u>	<u>YEATES</u>	<u>VOTES CAST</u>
AYE		X					X	2
NAY	X		X	X	X	X		5
ABSTAINED								0
ABSENT								0

ACTION: Vote on the original motion passed unanimously. 7-0.

Council members serving on the committee felt that it would be helpful to have more information about the various projects and also that it might be helpful to have an Intern from the University to help with the process.

AMBULANCE COMMITTEE REPORT: BRIAN CHAMBERS

The committee met last week and discussed a proposal that Cache County would pay \$126,952.00 for fiscal year 2003-2004. This would be 41% of the budget and Logan City would pay 59% of the budget. This proposal would equitably share the costs of what is being done right now. Any additional service to the outlying areas would be a separate issue. Executive Lemon appreciated the fact that Logan City acknowledged that a lot of people spend sales tax dollars in their City. The main issue that the Executive is concerned about is finding the \$126,952.00. He also would like the committee to address the issue of ambulances in the North and South ends of the Valley.

WEB SITE - UPDATE: The Logo issue will be on the first July meeting agenda. Community contest for logo could be a website feature. The server will be set up next week.

PARADES:

The Council members were reminded about the upcoming 4th of July parades in Lewiston City at 9:15 a.m. and Hyrum City at 12:00 noon.

ADJOURNMENT:

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The Council Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

ATTEST: Jill N. Zollinger
County Clerk

APPROVAL: H. Craig Petersen
Council Chairman