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CACHE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

May 27, 1997

The Cache County Council met in regular session on May 27, 1997 in the Council Chambers located at 120 North 100 West, Logan, Utah 84321.

ATTENDANCE

Council Chairman Darrel L. Gibbons and Vice Chairman C. Larry Anhder were present. Council members present were: Sarah Ann Skanchy, H. Craig Petersen, Guy Ray Pulsipher, Cory Yeates and Layne M. Beck.

Others present were: County Executive, M. Lynn Lemon, County Clerk, Stephen M. Erickson, County Attorney, Scott Wyatt, County Executive Administrative Assistant, Michael Nilson, County Zoning Administrator, Lorene Greenhalgh, County Sheriff's Office representatives, Sgt. Kim Cheshire & Lt. Lynn Nelson, State Senator, Lyle Hillyard, Bridgerland Travel Region Director, Maridene Alexander, Sesquicentennial Parade Chairman, Paul Montrose, Representative from the local news media and other interested citizens.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Darrel L. Gibbons called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and welcomed all who were in attendance.

INVOCATION

The invocation was given by Chairman Darrel L. Gibbons.

AGENDA & MINUTES

The agenda for the meeting was discussed, adjusted and approved.

The minutes of the regular Council meeting held on the 13th of May, 1997 were discussed, corrected and approved.

COUNTY EXECUTIVE REPORT

The County Executive, M. Lynn Lemon, reported on the following items:

1. Appointments:

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Appointment to County Library Board: Peterson, Sydney
Appointment to Col/Yg Mosquito Abat. Board: Smith, Mary
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It was moved by Councilman Peterson to approve the above mentioned appointments. It was seconded and carried unanimously.

2. Millville Road Meeting: The scheduled meeting to discuss the proposed road construction of the Millville road has been rescheduled and will now be held in the Millville City Offices on June 17th, 8:00 p.m.. Council members were invited to attend.

3. JC Penny Golden Rule Awards Recognitions: Two of the JC Penny Golden Rule winners this year were from Cache County. Wesley Maughan for his work on the fund raising and construction of the new Senior Citizen's kitchen. Scott Hess, for founding the Cache County Search and Rescue program and who continues to be involved with the program. Lemon thanked them for their work and for the many hours of volunteer service to the County.

4. Constitutionlists: The County Attorney, Scott Wyatt, was asked to comment on letters being received by County Officials from so called constitutionalists. They are claiming that because of their beliefs they are exempt from paying taxes of any kind. They are threatening county officials if any action is taken against them. Wyatt is preparing a written response to their letters.

5. Warrants: The warrants for the periods of May 9, to May 16 and May 17 to May 22, 1997 were presented to the County Clerk for filing.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT DRUG COLORING CONTEST: DEPUTIES, LYNN NELSON & KIM CHESHIRE

The County Sheriff's annual coloring contest to help prevent drug usage among the youth has concluded and three winners in the first, second and third grades received cash awards. First place \$25.00, second place \$15.00 and third place \$10.00. The winners were as follows:

First Grade: 3rd place	Jade Little
2nd place	Kindra Dixon
1st place	Brana Horox

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Second Grade:	3rd place	Molly Davis
	2nd place	Chaie Porter
	1st place	Christin Muir
Third Grade:	3rd place	Kathy Bulduc
	2nd place	Travce Jenson
	1st place	Jennifer Cook

Over all winners were: Scott Phillips and Kile Allen who each received a special gift. The Council was thanked by Deputy Cheshire for their interest in the program.

PARADE-SESQUICENTENNIAL: MONTROSE, PAUL-CHAIRMAN

The Chairman of the Sesquicentennial Parade to be held on July 24, 1997, Mr. Paul Montrose appeared before the Council to ask for their continued help for the parade. They are asking for financial help amounting to \$700.00 from the Restaurant Tax. Montrose asked the Council to remember their slogan which is, "We are having a Parade on July 24th".

OLYMPIC EVENT PROPOSAL-SHERWOOD HILLS: ALEXANDER, MARIDENE

Maridene Alexander, the Bridgerland Travel Region Director, and John Booth, Representing Sherwood Hills, appeared before the Council to review Sherwood Hills application to host the 2002 Winter Olympics Cross Country and Biathlon Venue. The Committee to bring the Olympic Venue to Sherwood Hills are asking for Community support including some financing.

(See attachment #1)

Alexander and Booth suggested that up to \$10,000 could come from the transient room tax reserve account. Alexander said that if the Olympic Venue comes to Sherwood Hills it would leave a lasting legacy for recreation and olympic training facilities. Executive Lemon expressed concern that the money may be wasted if venue was not coming to Sherwood Hills. Lemon has been told by others in the State that the committee has already made a decision and Sherwood Hills is not the place. Mr. Booth said that no decision has been made yet and won't be until September. Booth feels that the committee is going to chose the Sherwood area.

Vice Chairman Anhder moved to approve using up to \$10,000 from the transient room tax reserve account if the money is needed. It was seconded and passed on a 6 "Yes" to 1 "No" vote. Council member Skanchy voted no.

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CHILDREN'S JUSTICE CENTER: DISCUSSION

Chairman Gibbons told the Council that as requested in the last Council meeting he has asked State Senator Lyle Hillyard to state his position on the proposed construction of a Children's Justice Center in the County. Hillyard told of an experience he had during a visit with someone who had been on a jury where a child was involved in a trial and how she felt that something has to be done to protect our children in such cases. Hillyard said that this is when things started to move in the legislature toward helping develop a Children's Justice Center in different areas of the State where a child could be counseled and interviewed in home like conditions. Hillyard said that he supports the CJC and the need is here. Hillyard asked the County to be the umbrella for the Center and its employees. He is also willing to help write an agreement between the County and the Center. Hillyard told the Council that there would be no cost to the County to over see the CJC.

The County Executive, M. Lynn Lemon is recommending, after some research on the issue since the last Council meeting, that the Council should vote to support the request from the Children's Justice Center and that they become the umbrella government agency. Council Chairman Gibbons said that he feels that there is a need for a Children's Justice Center in the County.

Vice Chairman Anhder moved that the intent of the Council is to support the Children's Justice Center and become the umbrella agency. The motion was seconded and passed on a vote of 5 "Yes" to 2 "No" vote. Councilman Skanchy and Beck voted no.

An inter-local agreement will be drafted by both entities and will be presented for approval in a future Council meeting.

PLAT MAP-FINAL: LEGACY RANCH

The final Plat for the Legacy Ranch subdivision South East of Paradise was again discussed by the Council. The Zoning administrator, Lorene Greenhalgh, reviewed the restrictions and requirements placed on the plat. Greenhalgh stated that the subdivision meets all the requirements and the Planning Commission has approved the Plat.

The County Attorney, Scott Wyatt, sent a letter to each Council member recommending the approval of the Legacy Ranch Subdivision.

(See attachment #2)

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Vice Chairman Anhder reviewed a prepared statement in opposition to the development.

(See attachment #3)

A motion to approve the Legacy Ranch Subdivision was made by Councilman Skanchy. It was seconded and passed on a vote of 5 "Yes" to 2 "No". Anhder & Yeates voted no.

LAND USE ORDINANCE: GIBBONS, DARREL L.

Chairman Gibbons, reported that he had attended a meeting of the County Planning Commission today. Gibbons said that the Commissioners are not willing to change anything dealing with FR 40 zoning requirements. Some members of the Commission are concerned that the new ordinance is too restrictive and it should be written so that it would be easier to understand. Councilman Beck said that the plan should be developed so the average person can read and know what it means. Beck suggested that our County-Wide Planner look at other areas of the country, such as Colorado. Beck said that the Fort Collins and Colorado Springs areas are about the same size as we are and have similar problems.

BENEFITS FOR COUNCIL MEMBERS: GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE

Some members of the Council are suggesting that they become members of the County Group Health Insurance Plan. Chairman Gibbons said that the matter should be addressed at next years budget setting. Vice Chairman Anhder said that we made adjustments in the budget for other matters and this should not be any different. Anhder suggested four options: 1. Drop the matter entirely. 2. Share in the Health Insurance as other County Employee's. 3. Make insurance available to Council members by allowing them to use what they make as part of the premium. 4. Allow Council members the opportunity to pay the monthly costs of the insurance. Councilmen Skanchy & Petersen said that they think the issue should be discussed at budget time. Councilman Beck said that he supports having the insurance benefit because it will give other individuals in the County seeking election to the Council a greater desire to do so.

The Utah Association of Tax Payers are against the proposal as stated in a letter sent to the Council.

(See attachment #4)

Vice Chairman Anhder moved to allow Council members the opportunity to join the County Group Health Insurance, using their monthly wages as their portion of the premium and the County pays

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the rest of the premium. It was seconded and passed on a vote of 4 "Yes" to 3 "No". Skanchy, Petersen and Gibbons voted no.

COUNTY GOVERNMENT OFFICE COMPLEX: DISCUSSION

Executive Lemon, told the Council that the State Courts are presently doing a needs assessment on their future building needs in the County. Lemon is recommending that any decision on a proposed new County Government Complex be postponed until the Courts have completed their needs assessment.

SHERIFF RESIGNATION: DISCUSSION

The County Sheriff, Sidney P. Groll, has presented to the Council a letter of resignation from his elected position as County Sheriff.

(See attachment #5)

The County Executive will inform the County Republican Party of Grolls resignation and also inform them that they are to recommend three prospective candidates to replace Sheriff Groll. The Council will then appoint one to fill the unexpired term vacated by Groll.

RESTAURANT TAX ALLOCATION: DISCUSSION

Executive Lemon presented his recommended list of projects that will be receiving Restaurant Tax funding. The list was evaluated and will be presented for final approval at the next Council meeting.

BONDING FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS: WYATT, SCOTT

The County Attorney, Scott Wyatt, told the Council that the elected officials can be insured through our present insurance company. The Attorney will have the necessary paper work drafted for Council approval at the next meeting.

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Councilman Skanchy: UAC has notified the County that they are invited to participate in an Indigent Criminal Trust Fund through that organization. The Administration will review the proposal and make recommendation to the Council.

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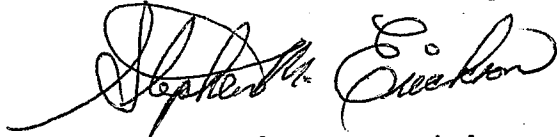
Councilman Beck: One of his Constituents has expressed concern about some private roads that have been used for years to gain access to Forest Service land are now being closed to the public by the land owners. Beck advised the Council that he thinks if the practice is allowed to continue, over a period of time, citizens may be denied access to Forest Service land. The Administration will follow up on the illegal road closures.

Vice Chairman Anhder: Anhder Expressed thanks to the Road Department for fixing the holes in the county road near his home in Nibley. He complimented the Road Department for the good work they do.


Councilman Pulsipher: Guy Ray said that it wasn't worth going through an operation to miss a Council meeting. He thanked the Council for their concern and said it was good to be back.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Gibbons adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m..



ATTEST: Stephen M. Erickson
Cache County Clerk



APPROVAL: Darrel L. Gibbons
Council Chairman

Sherwood Hills
2002 Winter Olympics Cross Country and Biathlon Venue

- I. 2002 overview - Maridene Alexander
- II. Sherwood Hills in the Top 2 - John Booth
- III. Cost projections - John & Maridene
- IV. Summary.

We are excited that Cache County is being considered as a possible site for the 2002 Cross Country and Biathlon Winter Olympics. The financial impact of the Olympics will be tremendous for Cache County.

The Olympics will leave a lasting legacy at Sherwood Hills. It will provide an opportunity for Sherwood to become an educational and training facility for cross country skiing. It will introduce young people to the delightful sport of cross country skiing.

The urgency at this time is community support and financial assistance. The Olympic Committee requires several reports during the next three months of the selection process. Once a venue is selected, all funding is covered out of the Olympic budget. A possible funding source is the reserve fund of transient room tax. We are asking Cache County to match financial support with funds already being donated from the private sector (Sherwood Hills and Best Western properties).

We hope that Cache County can assist Sherwood Hills in its efforts to become the cross country and biathlon venue for the 2002 Winter Olympics.



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2002 Olympic Winter Games Quick Facts

Athletes. In 2002, Utah will host 2,000 athletes from 90 countries. The Olympic Village on the University of Utah campus, will host 4,000 athletes, coaches and trainers. The village is located between 10 to 55 minutes from all Olympic venues.

Visitors. Over 100,000 visitors per day will be in Utah during the 16 days of the Winter Olympics, February 8-24, 2002.

Budget. Estimated at \$798 million. Revenues will be generated from sponsorships, television rights, ticket sales, donations/subsidies, coin programs and philately programs.

Tickets. More than 1.7 million tickets are expected to be available for spectators.

Financial impact. It is predicted that the 2002 Winter Games will have a \$1.7 billion positive impact of new money into the state of Utah. It is predicted over \$108 million will be made in sales tax alone.

Jobs. The Winter Olympics will create 20,000 new jobs amounting to over \$514 million in salaries.

Press coverage. Two billion people from around the world will be focused on Utah in 2002. Utah will have more press coverage than anywhere else in the world. The whole western part of the United States will be showcased. An estimated 12,000 media representatives are expected. The Main Press Center will be housed in the Salt Palace Convention Center.

Accommodations. More than 15,000 overnight accommodations will be utilized during the Winter Olympics.

Volunteers. An estimated 12,000 volunteers will help stage the Winter Games.

Television Rights. NBC television bought the U.S. rights for \$545 million.

ATTACHMENT A

Description of Ideal Venue

- ❖ Conditions and temperatures will be conducive to natural snowfall, snowmaking, and retention of snow.
- ❖ Ample water will be available for snowmaking.
- ❖ The property will be accessed via a major existing road.
- ❖ The location will be within a distance from the Olympic Village such that an additional village is not required.
- ❖ The property will be at least 400 acres in area.
- ❖ The property's elevation will be less than 2000 meters.
- ❖ The property will contain variations in terrain with at least 100 meters in relief.
- ❖ The property will have few if any legal use restrictions, and can be developed as a venue in a timely manner.
- ❖ Services such as natural gas, electrical power and sewerage will be available on or near the property.
- ❖ There will be minimal opposition to change in use for the location.
- ❖ There will be strong community support for and assistance in hosting an Olympic event on the property.
- ❖ There will be opportunities for leaving legacy facilities after the Games consistent with the SLOC's plans for the venue.
- ❖ Operational expenses after the Games will be addressed.
- ❖ The construction schedule will accommodate operations of the World Cup cross country and biathlon competitions in the 2000-2001 season.

**Sherwood Hills - 2002 Winter Olympics
Cross Country and Biathlon Venues**

*** Rated in the top two sites currently under consideration
by the Olympics Committee***

Costs incurred by Sherwood Hills prior to turning in application

Compiling of information/Postage/Printing/Reports	\$4,500
Staff Salaries	\$4,500
Photographs	<u>\$1,000</u>
	\$10,000

**Estimated costs incurred during selection process
(June-August)**

Entertainment	\$2,000
Compiling of reports and information	\$4,000
Engineering	\$8,000
Staff Salaries (3 months)	\$9,000
Media Relations	<u>\$2,000</u>
	\$25,000

Sources of financial support

Sherwood Hills (Westons)	\$20,000
Best Western Properties	?
Tourist Council	2,000-5,000
Cache County	?

There are several areas in which the games would have a great effect. It has been noted that the games will effect the entire region. However, we have noticed that even with the close proximity of the Cache Valley - Logan area to the Weber - Davis areas it has almost been excluded from any discussion of how it can participate in the activities. This area has not only accommodations for participants and guests but there are endless training areas and support facilities that could enhance the games. By visiting this area of the region one can experience amore secluded or private training. Our facility is only 15 miles form the Utah State University campus and only 17 miles from Logan Canyon.

Sherwood has and is developing further a cross-country skiing track. With the property neighboring the wilderness, this is a prime location for such an activity. The property also promotes a starting point for the northern Utah snowmobile trail system. Winter events are extremely important to the property. New and additional winter activities are desired at Sherwood and will be supported. With the growing need for activities year round to accommodate the leisure time of our meeting and convention guests. We know of the immediate need of such activities.

Our facility is located in a area where almost every activity can be found within just a few minutes. We have at the lodge a full training facility including a ultra modern weight room, sauna, hot tubs and dressing areas. As was stated the property is situated such that it gives guest options of using the wilderness areas of the Wellsville mountains or a direct trail to the Logan and Blacksmith Fork canyon areas. Winter activities available are camping, fishing, hiking, snowmobiling, cross-country skiing, Nordic skiing and ice skating. All of these activities are available either at the property or are within minutes of the property. Summer activities are almost endless they include such activities as mountain and road biking, hiking, camping, fishing, water activities of all types, horseback riding, wagon rides, outdoor theater, campfire dinners with shows, tennis, volleyball, horseshoes, etc.

Sherwood Hills is over 20 years old and is constantly growing. The property is only limited by itself. The long term goal of management is to expand and offer as much as it can without sacrificing the environment or the pristine atmosphere that makes Sherwood so unique. By having the games held at Sherwood it would help the need to expand the cross-country skiing course and add the option to visitors to participate in biathlon events.

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May 27, 1997

Cache County Council

Re: Legacy Ranch Proposal

Dear Council members:

With the up coming vote on the Legacy Ranch proposal I thought it would be appropriate to share the letter I received from Steven Peterson, the attorney who represents Legacy Ranch. In general I do not disagree with Mr. Peterson's conclusions. I did, however, call Mr. Peterson and suggest that the Council had not done anything illegal as they did not disapprove the plat. The council's only action was to schedule the vote for a subsequent council meeting.

Following the public hearing on this proposal last month, Council Member Larry Anhder asked me to explore any possible legal grounds on which the Council could base a denial of the same. After some research I have concluded there is no legal basis to deny the proposal except, perhaps, a general moratorium. The proposed plat appears to be legal in every respect and it is my recommendation that it be approved.

Sincerely,

Scott L Wyatt

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VIA FACSIMILE AND U.S. MAIL

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Re: Legacy Ranches Proposed Plat

Dear Mr. Wyatt:

This firm represents Legacy Ranches, LLC ("Legacy") in connection with the matters which follow. We are advised by our client that at a public hearing of the Cache County Commission ("Commission") held Tuesday, April 22, 1997, the Commission refused to sign a subdivision plat which had been submitted for final approval. Various governing agencies had reviewed the plat for many months and all requirements imposed by such agencies had been complied with strictly. According to our client, the Commission's rationale for its refusal to approve and sign the plat was that the Commission desired to prepare a new comprehensive plan for Cache County, including the property involved, which could take as much time as a year.

The action of the Commission is clearly illegal and violates three fundamental legal requirements to which the County is subject. First, where a property is presently master planned and zoned for a particular use and a property owner submits a subdivision plat which complies with all subdivision ordinance requirements, the Commission is obligated to approve the plat so long as it meets all requirements of the subdivision ordinance in effect at the time of submission. The Commission cannot deny approval based upon considerations outside the applicable subdivision ordinance. In other words, compliance with the subdivision ordinance entitles Legacy, as a matter of law, to subdivision approval by the Commission. We understand that at the hearing there was no question as to whether any of the technical requirements for subdivision approval had been met. We understand that all necessary public agencies, including the Cache County Planning Commission, the Bear River Health Department and other County departments had approved the plat, thereby acknowledging that all requirements for subdivision approval had been met. The Utah

Scott L. Wyatt, Esq.
April 30, 1997
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Supreme Court has dealt directly with this issue in a landmark zoning case. In Western Land Equities, Inc. v. City of Logan, 617 P.2d 388 (1980), the court held as follows: "We hold . . . that an applicant for subdivision approval or a building permit is entitled to favorable action if the application conforms to the zoning ordinance in effect at the time of the application" The Commission's decision directly violates the rule of law established by Western Equities. The Commission's failure to follow the explicit law of the state of Utah, makes this case even more egregious and distressing. A copy of the Western Equities case is enclosed with the mailed copy of this letter.

Secondly, once an owner complies with the applicable subdivision ordinance, the Commission is estopped from denying a subdivision approval where it has previously zoned the property for the purposes permitted by the plat. The doctrine of estoppel is founded upon the concept of equity and fair dealing. Where the owner of property, in good faith reliance on existing law, proceeds with development of a parcel and meets all legal requirements for subdivision approval, the government is estopped from prohibiting the project especially where there has been no change in the law prior to the date of submission. Legacy has vested rights to develop the property.

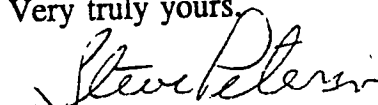
Thirdly, local governments have tools available to them to give notice to all property owners of potential changes in comprehensive plan and zoning ordinance requirements. Upon proper notice and public hearing, changes to zoning can be initiated. No such notice was given. The present action of the Commission fails to utilize applicable legal means to initiate development delays and violates the due process rights of our clients.

If the Commission persists in its present unwise course of action, our client will file suite for declaratory and injunctive relief as well as for damages against the Commission and the individual members thereof for violation of its civil and constitutional rights under 42 U.S.C. § 1983.

We urge you to have the Commission immediately reconsider this issue and advise the Commission to sign the plat. There is no legal basis for denial of plat approval.

When you have considered this matter, please call me. I would like to meet with you immediately to discuss how to achieve execution of the plat.

Very truly yours,



Steven D. Peterson

SDP/mr
Enclosure
cc: John Cone (w/ encl.)

Larry Anhder
May 27, 1997

Opposition to Development in the Ant Flat Area of Cache County

Most of the questions concerning development concern our deal with the water in the area this water is in the watershed and the consequence of poor planning and bad decision could have broad range effects for many water users in Cache County.

1. How receptive is the soil in this area to septic tanks? What are the general geological features of the area and what is the soil permeability and absorption rate and is this acceptable?
2. What is the general feasibility of septic type system according to the Board of Health?
3. How will the water system be established? Will it be a private system or a public system? What are the feelings of the Department of Environmental Quality about water system? Have they reviewed the proposed water system and commented on it? If a private water system is proposed of less than fourteen connections or less than twenty five users what is the guarantee that there will not be more than twenty five users? Twenty five users equals only 1.8 users per lot?
4. What are the guarantees that the cabins will remain recreational?
5. What are the proposed grades of the roads and what steps are being taken to minimize or mitigate the possible erosion.
6. Both Hyrum and Paradise receive culinary water from the springs below this area, what guarantee is there that their water will not be impacted? This questions relates to No. 1 in that we need to know the soil permeability and also the direction of sub-surface flow.
7. What is the effluent migration?
8. Are slop restrictions met for septic tank rules?
9. Have both Hyrum and Paradise been advised of this potential development and have they written to the County expressing their feelings about it?
10. How many homes are in the area in the general area now of the Ant Valley?

11. How long would it take to provide fire protection to the area and what is the county's liability for fire protection of those recreational cabins?
12. What would the cost of fire protection and other public safety needs be and is it fair to ask all of the citizens of the county to subsidize that cost for their area which is so remote from the rest of the county population?
13. The Ant Flat road is a gravel surfaced road maintained by the County on a sporadic basis. What kind of liability would the county occur in the future to maintain that road as more homes are built in that area? Besides liability what would be the political demands or property owners specifically home owners in that area for improved access?
14. What do we know about the aquifer of the Ant Flat area? Should it be a protection area for the Hyrum City Spring and is it included in the Hyrum City delineation protection area?



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The Cache County Council
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Dear Councilmembers:

As you know, the Utah Taxpayers Association is Utah's largest taxpayer organization with nearly 2,200 members statewide, including several hundred in Cache County. It has come to our attention that the Cache County Council will be considering this evening a proposal to provide benefits to each Councilmember. Several residents in the County have contacted us expressing concern for the proposal.

The Utah Taxpayers Association believes that the key in establishing pay and benefit levels for public servants is evaluating the ability to attract and retain citizens who are qualified to fulfill the demand of office. It is important that pay does not become either an incentive or a disincentive to serving the community.

The residents we have talked to regarding the proposal have expressed a frustration that services or improvement projects have been cut or eliminated under the pretext of a lack of funding, and, now, councilmembers are considering increasing their level of compensation. If this is accurate, the Taxpayers Association would have concerns regarding the proposal.

If, however, the proposal would allow councilmembers the option of receiving benefits in lieu of compensation, as long as the benefit costs were equal to or less than their compensation, the Taxpayers Association would defer to the will of the council.

If the council decides to extend benefits to part-time councilmembers despite the Taxpayers Association's objections, we would strongly urge you to postpone the policy's implementation until the 1998 budget year in order to allow voters an opportunity to evaluate the council's actions at the November general election.

If you have concerns regarding this letter or the position of the Utah Taxpayers Association, please feel free to contact me at 972-8814.

Sincerely,

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May 22, 1997

Executive Lynn Lemon
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Dear Lynn,

This letter is to officially advise that I have accepted a position with the Department of Public Safety, State of Utah, as the Director of Peace Officers Standards and Training. Over the next few weeks I will be making a gradual transition to that new assignment and be working with the Sheriff's Office in that transition. My last day of work will be June 20, 1997.

Over the next few years, the POST Director will oversee the combined responsibility of peace officer certification for basic training in corrections, both youth and adult, peace officer training and in service training. Other areas of opportunity will be looking towards distance learning issues, education that may be acquired through an University program, versus skills issues that may be acquired through a hands on opportunity. Also, facilities will be considered as a location for the Academy and any upgrade of facilities for training in the State of Utah. I am very excited about this opportunity and the expertise that I have in giving direction in this area and look forward to the new assignment.

I have worked with for the Cache County Sheriff's Office for the past 23 1/2 years, slightly over 12 years as your Sheriff. During this time I have gained some extremely valuable experience and have relished the opportunity to serve the citizens of Cache County. It is with trepidation that I make this decision, as I have had the opportunity to work with some very excellent staff and with you, other elected officials, in giving me advise and guidance and learning opportunities. I have been in an elite group of Sheriffs in Cache County where only a handful have served longer terms than I have. I acknowledge that opportunity as a great one.

I want to thank each one of you personally for the opportunity to serve with you and discuss many of the issues that have been prevalent in our County and without exception I have learned from each one of you in your positions and those that have preceded you.

I hope that I will be able to have opportunities in the future to discuss issues with you and to help wherever possible.

Sincerely,

Sheriff Sidney P. Groll
Cache County Sheriff's Office

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