

CACHE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
August 27, 2002

The Cache County Council convened in a regular session on 27 August 2002 in the Cache County Council Chamber at 120 North 100 West, Logan, Utah.

ATTENDANCE:

Chairman: C. Larry Anhder
Vice Chairman: Layne M. Beck
Council Members: Darrel Gibbons, John Hansen, H. Craig Petersen, Kathy Robison, Cory Yeates

County Executive: M. Lynn Lemon
County Clerk: Jill N. Zollinger

The following individuals were also in attendance: Russ Akina, Dell Allen, Jay Aguilar, Susan Andersen, Vaughn Andersen, Jim Bailey, Paul Cook, Lorene Greenhalgh, Monti Jones, Evelyn Palmer, Pat Parker, Mick Pattinson, Brendan Pratt, Wendy Simmons, Jim Smith, Auditor Tamra Stones, Mark Teuscher, Glen Jay Thornley, Nathan Trauntvein, Peggy Tueller, Christian Wilson, Attorney Scott Wyatt, Jennie Christensen (KVNU), Joe Rowley (Herald Journal).

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Anhder called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

INVOCATION:

The invocation was given by Father Clarence J. Sandoval from St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

There were no changes to the agenda.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes of County Council meeting of August 13, 2002, were discussed, corrected and approved.

Council member Yeates moved to approve the minutes as amended. Gibbons seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous, 7-0.

REPORT OF COUNTY EXECUTIVE: Executive Lemon reported on the following items:

Appointment: There were no appointments.

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Warrants:

The Warrants for the periods of 08-02-2002 to 08-08-2002 and 08-09-2002 to 08-15-2002 were given to the Clerk for filing.

Other Items:

1. Shoshone Trail: There will be an ATV ride of the Shoshone Trail on Thursday, August 29, 2002, at Hardware Ranch beginning at 8:30 a.m. going till 4:00 p.m. Congressman Jim Hansen is going to be there and invited any of the County Council members that could participate to be part of that. ATV machines will be provided for riders. If you are unable to attend on the 29th of August there will be another ride on Thursday, September 26, 2002.
2. Forest Service: The Forest Service would like to meet with the Council and talk about our RS2477 roads and the Forest-revision plan. They are planning to have the Forest-revision plan completed by the end of December. We will scheduled them on the agenda for either the first or second Council meeting in September.
3. Cloud seeding: We have received a letter from the State on cloud seeding and we need to make a decision on that by October 15th 2002.
4. CDBG Grant Funds: Executive Lemon asked the Council if they would like additional information from the Organizations requesting CDBG funding? They will be on the September 10th Council agenda. Chairman Anhder suggested that a short paragraph synopsis of each request and how much money they are applying for be included on the agenda for September 10th.

REPORT ON CACHE COUNTY FAIR AND RODEO: JILL ZOLLINGER

County Clerk Jill Zollinger reported to the Council that entries and participation in many of the different departments were up. The Commercial booths were all filled and revenue received was \$18,617.00. The Fair had excellent participation from the Cities in the Community booths. Mendon City was the Sweepstakes winner and they will be representing Cache County at State Fair. The Fair also received \$18,143.00 in revenue from the carnival. Participation in the livestock and poultry divisions also saw an increase. The Rodeo collected \$41,251.00 from ticket sales and sponsorship and had \$44,698.00 in expenses. Rodeo ticket prices were lowered to make the event more affordable. Zollinger thanked Lamont Poulsen, Scott Wilkinson, and Scott Norman for overseeing the Rodeo event. Thanks was also given to the Extension office, Treasurer's office, Auditor's office, Executive's office, Sheriff's office, and the staff in the Clerk's office also Logan City Parks and Recreation Department and the County Council for their continued support of the Fair and Rodeo.

Executive Lemon commented that revenue from the Fair and Rodeo was up from last year and expenses were down.

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BEAR RIVER MENTAL HEALTH ANNUAL REPORT AND AREA PLAN: MICK PATTINSON

Dr. Pattinson gave the Council two documents: 1) The Area plan and 2) the Annual report.

Pattinson told the Council that the Area Plan is required by the Department of Human Services and the Division of Mental Health for compliance with their contracts. As to what services are going to be provided in that match formula between local County dollars and the State dollars.

The first section of the Area Plan on service delivery summarizes the basic services that are required by statute to be provided by the local Mental Health authority. There will be titles in there like "In-patient Care," "Residential Care," "Out-patient Care," "Crisis," "Medication Management," etc. Essentially there are nine services that are summarized. That is the piece of the document that talks about what the Mental Health Care Center actually does that is required under the State contract.

The remainder of the this (plan booklet) has to do ... with the other things that were required to provide as a part of this document with a contract. They aren't really services and descriptions but more of the administrative hoops that we jump through in order to make sure that we are in compliance with the contract. Section 6, "Reportable Changes" ... is the administrative data that is necessary to be in compliance with that. Again, the Area Plan is what we do and what we get approved in order to get State match monies that the County approves to provide services in the local area.

Annual Report: Each year I do an annual report to the Board. The format is somewhat different this year than the one I brought you the last four years. At each Spring retreat, I try to do some kind of summary of things that will help the Board sort of see the highlights for the year. What I am doing is trying to now evolve one that by next year we can use as more of a document that we can use with the general public as well as with the County Councils and the County Commissioners in the three counties and with the Board of Directors.

The report starts out summarizing who is on board. I usually put in something that is a message from me as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Center. Essentially one of the highlights of the message this year has to do with a shift that happened in the funding formula. That was an issue that hasn't been addressed for about 10 years in the State of Utah. This year the State Board of Mental Health took on the task of trying to revise the funding formula, which is actually supposed to be revised on a routine basis by statute.

The funding was revised and was based on population with a new rule differential. In the text you will see the cost total of \$30,000.00 this year and \$26,000.00 next year. In reality this will be a fair distribution on a Statewide basis. So, even though it cost Bear River Mental those dollars, for the system as a whole, it was a better equalization than what was there previously. At the time this was drafted, we thought more negative things were going to happen to us with the legislature. The special session hadn't happened in July and we were being advised to plan on fairly significant cuts. We were looking at even 8% in the State Contract. That fact did not come to reality. We were quite lucky at the Mental Health Center of being one of the few places

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in the Utah universe that did not see a cut in our State dollars as a result of that special session. I think that has to do with the increase of attention by UAC to legislative efforts in the Human Services Rehab and increased education on the part by the Utah Behavioral Network, which we are a member of in working with legislators. I think they understand Mental Health Care as a significant piece of the health care delivery system in Utah.

We have mentioned the construction of our office expansion and that construction is going on as we speak. They are pouring the foundation this week and so, that is really exciting for us. We purchased the land that it sits on this year, which was another accomplishment.

I've put in a new section which talks about some of the things where we are kind of heading. "Future Plans and Priorities" on Page 3. We are looking at trying to develop some housing here in this Valley. We had a very nice project completed last year in Box Elder county. We are talking to the Utah Not-for-profit Housing and planning for a joint project here. We are trying to look for a large enough piece of land that could put this in the realm of reality that we could afford with what is happening with land prices. We are looking at developing psychiatric residency to increase our capacity to deal with those patients that we serve that need medication. So, we have some interesting things on the drawing board the next year or two. The next page talks about some of the achievements of the last year ... and highlights of things that are useful to review with you.

The next section breaks into service effectiveness and satisfaction titles accessed and appropriateness of service and the percentage of clients who have some kind of response, positive or negative, about different indicators on quality or what they got out of the service that they came in and received. That is combined with children and adults both in the summary so that it gives you kind of an overview of the effectiveness of the services from our clients prospective.

In the next section we have what is called a "Quality Improvement Committee." It is required in our Medicaid contract and required by the Division of Mental Health. That next section summarizes for you what kinds of quality improvement activities the Mental Health Center engaged in the last year and some of the kinds of changes that we have made in the systems and how we deliver services to improve the quality of services.

On the next page is the demographic summary of who came into the Center this last year. It summarizes how many people came in, how many people we saw who weren't actually clients that received service from us, our total number of service hours for the year, the age breakdown. You can see one-third are still children and adolescents. We still have about a 50:50 split on gender. We put in a breakdown of what some of our minority populations are. You can see what percent of the locale is and where we are serving people in the three counties that we serve.

The last thing in here is where our offices are all located and where our primary clinics are located. It give you a quick financial summary ... of what our revenues are...and our overall expenditures and other uses of funds.... I'm looking for feedback if something you see is more user friendly.... What questions do you have just about the Center in general?

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Questions/Answers:

Kathy Robison: What is your tentative completion date on your addition?

Dr. Pattinson: We think that we will be completely in on Valentines' Day. We've got this funny schedule. The way the building is being built, it is actually a phase design, and the new addition that is going on the South side is going to be completely constructed and is actually a separate building that attaches to the existing structure. We have it designed to use some daylight actually. That should be completed by Christmas. We plan at Christmas week in the schedule when clients are not coming in as much and our Staff tend to be on annual leave during that time with family activities to actually move all of our clinical staff into that new structure because we are doing some remodeling in the existing building as well.... When the remodel is done it is going to be about Valentines' Day.... Our Administrative staff will be staying in the existing building and living with what is going on....

Layne Beck: What is a "non-client"?

Pattinson: That is somebody who has not been officially enrolled and done the paperwork ... you sign something saying: "I'm going to pay the bill," and all those kinds of things that happen." We see people on an emergency basis or sometimes in the emergency room at the hospital where we don't get that data; we don't get them enrolled officially into the computer with all of the data. That would be a "non-client."

Larry Anhder: It's about one-third of your total work load.

Pattinson: We end up seeing a fair number of people that we don't get any reimbursement for our business or we don't have that kind of thing happen that we talked about previously ; and that's were our State contract and our County monies really help subsidize allowing us to provide that health-care service.

REHABILITATION ENTERPRISE OF UTAH: DELL ALLEN

DELL ALLEN: First of all, Mick Pattinson has talked to you about what is happening in areas of mental health. As parents and family members we are finding that we need additional help for those of our family members who have serious persistent mental illnesses.... We have a chapter here (of the Local National Alliance for the Mentally Ill) in Cache Valley; we have 10 throughout the State; and we have 1,200 throughout the United States.

As family members, we are kind of on a firing line. In the 60's many of those who had mental illnesses were let out of State institutions.... The idea was that new medications would allow them to function in society and so there was no need to be locked up somewhere. What was found is that dream was never quite realized. There were a lot of people who have chemical imbalances or mental biological disorders that don't want to stay on the medications or sometimes get involved with minor incidences with the law and are put in jail. About one out of six in the jail system has a mental illness; the jails are not very good hospitals.

We have been looking around the country. We found 10 different community rehabilitation farms that provide a different opportunity for those who are suffering from these disorders and want to recover efficiently to perform well in society. We find that in a normal community, 1% of the population has schizophrenia and the onset is about age 19. About one out-of-a hundred have similar problems.... Schizo-affective is half that many; By-polar is 1%. Major depression is 8% of our population. Obsessive compulsive disorder (OCD) is 2.3%. Panic disorder (is) 1.7% and Anxiety (is) 4.1. The total is 18.9% of the average population. If you multiplied that in a typical county like Cache County of 87,907 people, it turns out to be 16,000 people who have these disorders. Some are helped through the existing Behavior Health Program but many are in and out of the hospital maybe 20 or 30 times. Some are even in and out of jail for minor infractions.

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Who is caring for them? The budgets for mental health are diminished from what they ought to be; and so it ends up the families and the jails (care for these people)....

Proposal:

- 1) A number of us in the Community have been meeting together for the last few weeks. We have talked to Lynn (Lemon) about this program to move it forward. We have prepared some materials and will give them to the Zoning Commission to acquire a (rehabilitation) farm here in Cache Valley ... for those of our family members who are struggling and in need. Our presentation to you is sort of a preliminary just to inform you that we are moving forward in this and (to) set up a non-profit corporation. We have identified a farm that we would like to pursue. Many of you may have been acquainted with "Grandpa Lem's" farm up in Cove with all of the animals, etc.
- 2) We would like to add to the animal therapy: plant therapy, art therapy, music therapy, recreation therapy and other kinds of therapies to this program. We also would like to have a brain research center.... It would help to see which parts of the brain are having problems and we would like to see what the effect of medications are. In talking with the insurance companies, there is a way to save a lot of money by using those medications that are known to work on this particular kind of illness. Also, we could then start to evaluate the various types of therapies. Talk therapies that are done in the usual psychiatric rehabilitation program can only go so far. We are anxious to supplement that and moving off into the space age by using advanced technology that is readily available in the research universities that hasn't yet been implemented yet in our own Mental Health System.
- 3) The third thing about this farm is that we would like it to become a model that could easily be replicated. A place where those who were going into humanitarian works and so on could have a place to try these things out and be acquainted with the very latest technology.

Questions/Answers:

Craig Petersen: This farm will be self-sustaining or at least would make use of Federal Grants?

Dell Allen: Yes.

Petersen: (Tape change.) In terms of the apparently diagnostic functions, would that be equipment replacing what is in the hospitals?

Allen: It is already in hospitals. but it is not being used because of the expense.

Petersen: Do they have that in the Logan Regional Hospital?

Allen: I can't answer that question. We are proposing two kinds of scanning devices: **1)** One is called Single Proton Emission Computed-tomography, (**SPEC**). It is being used by at least one very popular psychiatric unit in California. They have done over 10,000 scans. **2)** The other one is a functional **MRI**. We would like to tie in with the University people; we feel like we may be able to help them. This will be a major undertaking to build a campus of some 90-acres with residences for about 36 people with facilities for staff to live right on the campus and to have other rehabilitation programs there....

John Hansen: Do the patients there actually operate the farm? Is that part of the therapy?

Allen: Yes. I have just reviewed a film called the Globe Farm in Vermont. They have 120 people that are on campus. Thirty of them are patients working under the direction of the farm managers. They are doing the milking and they are doing chores in the kitchen. They are finding that work is a very good part of therapy. Locking a person up in a jail doesn't really help to rehabilitate or leaving them on the street or in and out of the hospitals. We want to rehabilitate; we don't want ongoing counseling. We want to do something better.

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Lynn Lemon: Dell, how large is this farm?

Allen: Ninety acres. It is ideally suited we think to set up a number of facilities. We would like to have some organic gardens and greenhouses there; we would like to maybe even set up a little fish hatchery, a little roadside café and some art barn and woodcraft shop and a petting zoo.... We solicit your support and ideas too. We have a website called grampalemsfarm.org, which has just been upgraded a little bit. We are working on a fund- raising plan now. We think we could serve a community of maybe a 300-mile radius. There may be some others outside of this valley that may have lots of money that would like to help us move forward on this. We would solicit that as well.

INTRA DEPARTMENT BUDGET TRANSFER REQUEST:

The following intra-departmental budget transfer were reviewed: **1)** Cache Planning and Development, **2)** Childrens Justice Center, and **3)** Senior Citizens Fund.

Vice Chairman Beck made the motion to approve the budget transfers. Yeates seconded the motion. The vote was 7-0.

(Attachment No. 1)

PUBLIC HEARING SET: SIERRA HEIGHTS MINOR SUBDIVISION - AMENDMENT

Council member Hansen moved to set a public hearing for an amendment to the Sierra Heights Minor Subdivision on September 24th at 6:00 p.m. Yeates seconded the motion. The vote was 7-0.

CACHE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING UPDATE: CHRISTIAN WILSON

Christian Wilson presented samples of the proposed interior colors for the Cache County Administration Building. The colors were being tied into the exterior colors of red brick and a dark bronze finish around the trim of the windows.

Proposal of the Interior: The North side of the Cache County administration building, which is sort of the Ceremonial entry connecting to the old Courthouse, there will be tiles with a rug pattern. The interior of the space will break up into panels to create a sectional look with columns. Throughout the interior a maple wood was proposed with a dark finish. All the fixtures would be gold which ties in with the bronze look.

The offices and the open spaces would have the same coloring. The corridors would be using the same tiles but with a different creative patterns. The halls are really nice; they will be 10 ft. wide. The corridors will use the same tile, but a different pattern will be created. Pilasters will go on both sides where the columns go through to create a pattern down the halls. The restrooms will have mosaic tile and on the floor and a running bond pattern on the walls.

The furniture purchased from the Olympic surplus was discussed. Executive Lemon stated the committees feeling was for the Jail to use the Olympic furniture and then sell any unused portion. Budget-wise the County is still about \$500,000.00 under what was budgeted.

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The building is moving forward and is a little ahead of schedule. The superintendent of the site is really pleased. The subcontractors are taking care of any little issues that come up and are moving ahead. The contractors have almost finished framing the first floor; the second floor is poured and the framing will start; and the third floor will be poured on Thursday. The completion date is April 18, but should happen before that. Hopefully the whole thing will be bricked before the snow flies.

COUNTY JAIL UPDATE: SCOTT WYATT

Attorney Wyatt reported that the County is the proud owner of 25½-acres of land between 12th and 14th West and 2nd and 4th North in Logan for the Jail site. Attorney Wyatt felt the Council should be pleased with the outcome of the negotiations. He noted that the environmental assessment was proceeding along on schedule and ground breaking could be done within a month.

RECREATION, ARTS, PARKS, AND ZOO SALES TAX REFERENDUM DISCUSSION: RUSS AKINA

A resolution for RAPZ tax had already been passed by the Council to put this question on the November 2002 ballot.

Russ Akina introduce Jim Bailey, a member of the RAPZ Coalition, to the Council. Mr. Akina reminded the Council that the last discussion before the Council on the RAPZ tax was related to the distribution and printing costs for a public information brochure. He also noted that the Coalition had made a draft form of responses to show the Council in regards to questions that were asked in the last meeting.

Research was completed on the cost involved in terms of printing and mailing of the information brochure. The cost is around \$15 to \$16,000.00 to capture a little more than 55,000 registered county voters in Cache County. The Coalition has about \$3,000 that would be put forward toward the printing and distribution costs of the information brochure and would need some help after that.

Scott Wyatt let it be known that there is no requirement on the County to send out a voter information packet. The Council would need to determine the question and some of the details about the election. He would bring a resolution back in two weeks in simple and straight forward terms. Once the question and the place and the time of the voting had been determined, which has already been determined because it is the General Election, then the County Clerk would need to send out the notices in the newspaper.

In the General Election there will be the opportunity to express opinions on whether or not the County Council should impose a tax of 1/10th of 1% in terms of funding recreational activities. Mr. Wyatt read the following proposed question: "Should the Cache County Council of Utah impose a 1/10 of 1% sales and use tax for the purpose of funding recreation, arts, parks, and zoos in Cache County."

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Discussion:

Craig Petersen: Now let's suppose we don't send out an information packet, is there a legal requirement for that? How would the public gain information about the proposed distribution of the funding.

Russ Akina: That was part of the purpose of the information brochure. Outside of that the Coalition could provide that information working with the media.

Chairman Anhder: Would the Coalition be more effective pushing its point of view rather than trying to be completely objective.

Scott Wyatt: One of the problems with this tax is: "This is a sales and use tax." It is the statute that sets forth the County Council's authority for its sales and use tax. It then says that you are going to follow the procedures for a municipal bond tax. If you go to that section, it has all the stuff for that bond. So, the fastest way to approach it is to say: "You know what, we are going to do everything required for a municipal bond that makes any sense at all." The information pamphlet only applies to a municipal bond if it is going to be like a \$15 increase on an average home in property tax. So, you don't even have to have an information packet for all municipal bonds. It is safe to go overboard on all of this.

Beck: The original legislation was written to construct the Salt Palace Conventional center in Salt Lake City along with the Hogle Zoo. That's why we had all the legislation in statue to describe how it was to be distributed for so many years until Senator Hillyard got it changed recently.

Petersen: Scott, let me ask you this with the quality of distribution and revenues, what are your thoughts as to how that would be established?

Wyatt: First of all the statue only requires to provide in general terms where the money is going to go. There is no requirement of committing of where the money goes in advance. That leaves you with the question of where do you want to spend it.

Lemon: The resolution said that we would commit 10% to the zoo, 45% to recreation, and 45% to the arts. In order to get it passed, it would require public education.

Wyatt: That will not be in the ballot question; and as you know, you can change the resolution. I think the proposal in the resolution is to create the scrutiny to make revisions; and I think that is the way you can do that.

Lemon: I have the tendency think that if we are not required to send out a voter information packet to 55,000 voters, maybe we ought not to do that. I think there is still a challenge on the part of the coalition that's pushing this to educate the public because if you don't educate the public and they go to the booth and they read should the County Council impose a tax, they'll probably vote "No" if they don't understand it.

Akina: I think the question for us as a Coalition is whether or not there would be any County involvement with the printing and distribution of an information brochure. If not, then we know that the Coalition needs to regroup and figure out how to get that information out to the County voters.

Yeates: That gets back to Larry's question originally, which is "Will it be strictly an information packet"? Will it be done by the committee which obviously has a preference to see it pass and should the County then put their name on that and contribute to that?

Anhder: I think we ought to stay out of it and encourage the Coalition to spend their money and say whatever they want to say. Then you can push for it.

Petersen: I think it has to be totally unbiased and the County should allow the different sides to present their views and have a rebuttal.

Akina: I think what the Coalition is looking for is some direction here so that we know what to do with the \$3,000.00 that the Coalition has.

Lemon: If the County is involved, then we need to stay neutral.

Jim Bailey: The County will also be able to apply and will be able to use the money. If the County is inclined, they are welcome to donate to the Coalition and make that \$3,000.00 more.

Gibbons: I think the County has to be neutral. If you are going to put for a voter information packet, you probably ought to do one that won't "sing your song." I really think we ought to say we won't participate so that you can move in a positive manner rather than have to remain neutral.

Council member Gibbons moved for the Council not to participate with an information pamphlet. Yeates seconded the motion. The vote was 7-0.

Scott Wyatt would bring the ballot question back in two weeks. Chairman Anhder made clear the point that this action was not to be interpreted as a rejection of the RAPZ tax.

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Vice Chairman Beck commented that this action should be interpreted as an effort of the Council to free the Coalition to speak its mind.

FINAL PLAT APPROVAL: RASPBERRY HILLS MINOR SUBDIVISION

Lorene Greenhalgh told the Council that Vaughn and Susan Andersen are requesting final plat approval of a two -lot clustered subdivision in the Agricultural Zone to be called Raspberry Hills Minor Subdivision with a remainder parcel of 157.39 acres to remain in agriculture and not eligible for residential development and for restricted-lot relief of two residential lots each with an existing single family dwelling; one acre located at 13924 North 2400 East and 1.99 acres located at 13922 North 2400 East, Cove.

The Planning Commission has reviewed the plat and find that all is in order and meets the requirements of a subdivision of the Land Use Ordinance. Also, the applicants have agreed to dedicate to the county road right-of-way and improve the road surface to the South property line of Lot-2. All the structures will be constructed in critical land and there seems to be no problems with this. It will just assist these folks in being able to get a building permit and add on to their building lots.”

Council member Gibbons moved to suspend the rules and approve the Raspberry Hills Minor Subdivision. Robison seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, 7-0.

(Attachment No. 2)

RS2477 MAPPING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR CACHE COUNTY:

Lynn Lemon stated that the County is submitting a proposal for additional funding for the RS2477 Mapping Assistance Program with the State. In order for the State to consider it, it had to be approved by the County Legislative Body. The due date for this proposal is on the 5th of September and it requires a motion of Council approval.

Council member Gibbons moved to approval the RS2477 Mapping Assistance Program. Vice Chairman Beck seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, 7-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 2002-12 (Temporary): AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE INTERIM CACHE ACCESS MANAGEMENT POLICY - MARK TEUSCHER/JAY AGUILAR

(Attachment No. 3)

Mr. Teuscher explained that this policy will put in place a process that brings into focus a clear and common set of standards that can achieve the goal of protecting and enhancing our roadway assets. It sets forth a clear understanding of the roles and expectations of the communities and the Department of Transportation and puts in place a way for these two entities to work hand in hand to achieve their common goals to strip[away the inefficiencies and inequities of the past.

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Vice Chairman Beck was concerned as to how the cities were responding and Mark Teuscher assured him that they were all in the process in adopting except for Wellsville. Wellsville rejected the ordinance because they felt they already had an ordinance that works and was pretty clear.

This is a strong policy to coordinate with UDOT in the approval process. UDOT will never approve an access under this policy until the local jurisdiction has given final approval. They are constantly working through a give-and-take with a UDOT developer and the local jurisdiction.

Council member Gibbons moved to waive the rules and adopt Ordinance No. 2002-12. Yeates seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, 7-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 2002-12: Interim Cache Access Management Policy

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NAY								0
ABSTAINED								0
ABSENT								0

LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR JON WHITE AND JEFF GITTINS APPLICATION FOR THE LERAY MCALLISTER FUND:

Council Member John Hansen explained that the Ag. Preservation Committee has a little to do with this. There are some Organizations concerned about green space and concerned about protecting farms. There is private and now some government money, pending with the new farm bill, where money can be accessed if the landowner is willing to sign over an easement of his farm if it is kept in farming and not developed.

Cindy Hall requested having Jeff Gittins, who was not quite ready to go with this action, replaced by Evan Olsen, who was desirous of moving forward. What was requested of the Council was to look at the situation and determine if it was a good idea.

In the last meeting, some goals were talked about in terms of preserving ag. land and green space, etc. Council member Hansen felt the financial benefit of writing a letter of support would be fairly substantial. If the County was going to sign over some easements through McAllister monies and also through a Farm Bill, there would be some money that would flow to the County.

Council member Gibbons questioned Council member Hansen as to whether the committee had identified any specific properties that would serve the County's interest as far as preservation and maintaining open space and identified more critical lands than others.

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The committee had been talking about Land Evaluation Site Assessment (LESA) which talks about soil production and location, locations maybe where housing may be approaching. This had not been done as yet. Council member Gibbons thought if the County was going to endorse properties as a County through a letter of support, that kind of information should be made available to the Council in order to make decisions of whether there are certain properties that are of greater benefit to maintain as open space than others.

Mark Teushcer commented that these two applications were self initiated especially Mr. Whites' (application) and they were seeking use of farm-bill money but there has to be a 25% local match. Mr. White is using some of his land that he is putting conservation easement on for National money. The McAllister Fund and the Trust of Public Lands is helping him go through this.

Council member Gibbons noted that the County had not prioritized any particular land and wondered if that needed to be done first. Mr. Teuscher responded that it was not really necessary to do that because this was the choice of the property owner to use this as a tax break and that the County would not be initiating any financial support to that.

Vice Chairman Beck asked why they were requiring the County's endorsement. Mr. Teuscher responded that they wanted to know if the County would give support to Mr. White in putting a conservation easement on his property and if it would be consistent with the general plan in the community.

Executive Lemon asked if someone's farm was threatened with an imminent development there, would the support of these projects lessen the support for any of these that might be closer? Council member Gibbons said that it would be a question of the amount of dollars that would be available. Mr. Teuscher noted that the amount of dollars was going down simply because the State has no money. They usually have \$3,000,000 a year; this year they only have \$700,000; and probably next year they will have nothing.

Teuscher remarked that the process of a conservation easement is not simple. There is a lot of work that a property owner has to go through. The property here lies West of Paradise. Vice Chairman Beck noted that the putting an easement on property so that no one could develop it was not hard; what was difficult is getting paid for that easement. What the property owners here in question are attempting to do is getting paid for putting an easement on their property. Mr. Teuscher reminded the Council that the Quality of Growth Commission required local support.

This item was on for first reading. As the Council considers writing a letter of support for the applicant to the LeRay McAllister Fund, Chairman Anhder requested in the future to know the location, the amount of money, the funding that is being proposed either from the Quality Growth Commission and other sources, and a plat map to show this property's relationship and other properties owned by prospective applicants. The action of the council was not to be interpreted to be against these sorts of things. The Council was concerned about the process and which properties go and which ones don't

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and how they are dividing up their properties and what appears to be the intent and that sort of thing would be very helpful information.

WELLSVILLE FOUNDERS DAY PARADE:

The Wellsville Founders Day Parade will be on Monday, September 2, 2002 at 10:00 a.m. John Hansen and Lynn Lemon will be representing the County at the parade.

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS:

There were no Council member reports.

ADJOURNMENT:

Council meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

ATTEST: Jill N. Zollinger
County Clerk

APPROVAL: C. Larry Anhder
Council Chairman