WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 28 2010

A Special Meeting of the Board of the Washington County Commission was called to order by Acting Chairman Alan D. Gardner at 4:00 p.m. on October 28, 2010, in the Commission Chambers, Washington County Administration Building, St. George, Utah. Those in attendance were Acting Chairman Alan D. Gardner, Commissioner Dennis Drake, Deputy County Attorney Rachelle Ehlert, County Administrator Dean Cox, and Deputy County Clerk Christine Hall.

The Spectrum was not represented at the meeting.

REGULAR AGENDA

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2010-1498, A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY COMMISSION (THE "COMMISSION") OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, UTAH (THE "ISSUER"), AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE BY THE ISSUER OF ITS $13,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2010 (THE "BONDS"), PRESCRIBING THE FORM OF BONDS; PROVIDING FOR THE MANNER OF EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF SAID BONDS; PROVIDING FOR THE USE OF THE PROCEEDS THEREOF AND HOW PAYMENT OF SAID BONDS WILL BE MADE; APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF A BOND PURCHASE AGREEMENT, A PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL STATEMENT, A FINAL OFFICIAL STATEMENT AND OTHER RELATED DOCUMENTS; RATIFYING THE PUBLICATION OF A NOTICE OF BONDS TO BE ISSUED AND A NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING; RATIFYING THE RUNNING OF A CONTEST PERIOD; AUTHORIZING THE TAKING OF ALL OTHER ACTIONS NECESSARY FOR THE CONSUMMATION OF THE TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED BY THIS RESOLUTION; AND RELATED MATTERS.

County Administrator Dean Cox explained that this resolution concerns the authorization of the sale of bonds, previously purchased for the construction of libraries and a senior center, and refinance them at the current desirable interest rates. He introduced Alan Westenskow of Zions Bank Public Finance and Dustin Matsumori of George K. Baum, who were instrumental in this successful and economically sound transaction.

Alan Westenskow distributed a document entitled "Washington County General Obligation Refunding Bonds Series 2010," in the sum of eight million nine hundred and sixty thousand dollars ($8,960,000), prepared by Zions Bank Public Finance, dated October 28, 2010. He expressed appreciation for the efforts of Mr. Cox during this process, mentioning that Mr. Cox has made every effort to understand and participate in the negotiations and, in doing so, has been extremely helpful.

Mr. Westenskow said that what the County really is doing is refinancing five million, three hundred and sixty-five thousand dollars ($5,365,000) of the 2002 bonds issued by the County; and also refinancing three point six million dollars ($3,600,000) of the County's General Obligation Bonds issued in 2004. The total savings is four hundred and fifty two thousand, four hundred and eighty-six dollars and twenty five cents ($452,486.25). Bond payments will continue to be made on October 1st and on April 1st.

The County has had a rating of Aa2 with Moody's Investor Service. A decision was made to get a second rating, from Fitch, which came in at AA (which is the same rating as Moody's, just expressed differently). Both ratings agencies commended the County's fiscal management as very sound in a difficult economy. Quoting from Fitch:

> The county's financial and debt positions are strong. Management prudently started cutting expenditures when recessionary forces began impacting revenues. As a result, fund balance levels have remained high in spite of a deep recessionary impact on the local economy. Also, debt levels are low, debt amortization is rapid, capital needs are manageable, and the county has no OPEB liability.

These bonds will close on November 9, 2010. They will go into an escrow fund and earn interest until the bonds can be called on their respective dates. The interest rates, which are the lowest in seventy (70) years, are locked in for the life of the bonds.

Commissioner Gardner asked whether it would be possible to frame the above information in the form of a press release so that the good news of these savings could reach the citizens of the County.

MOTION: **Motion by Commissioner Drake to Adopt Resolution No. R-2010-1498, A Resolution Of The County Commission (The "Commission") Of Washington County, Utah (The "Issuer"), Authorizing The Issuance And Sale By The Issuer Of Its $13,000,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2010 (The "Bonds"), Prescribing The Form Of Bonds; Providing For The Manner Of Execution And Delivery Of Said Bonds; Providing For The Use Of The Proceeds Thereof And How Payment Of Said Bonds Will Be Made; Approving The Execution Of A Bond Purchase Agreement, A Preliminary Official Statement, A Final Official Statement And Other Related Documents; Ratifying The Publication Of A Notice Of Bonds To Be Issued And A Notice Of Public Hearing; Ratifying The Running Of A Contest Period; Authorizing The Taking Of All Other Actions Necessary For The Consummation Of The Transactions Contemplated By This Resolution; And Related Matters. Motion seconded by Commissioner Gardner and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Gardner and Drake voting aye.**

There being nothing further to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 4:23 p.m.

CHRISTINE S. HALL	ALAN D. GARDNER
DEPUTY CLERK	ACTING CHAIRMAN