



PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF UTAH COUNTY, UTAH

WILL HOLD A SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING
IN THE COMMISSION CHAMBERS ROOM 1400
OF THE UTAH COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
100 EAST CENTER STREET, PROVO, UTAH
JANUARY 22, 2020 4:00 P.M.

Board members may participate electronically at will, with the anchor location as stated above

~COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES~

Commissioner Ainge (Chair), Commissioner Lee and Commissioner Ivie in Attendance.
Others In Attendance: See Attached Attendance Sheet

PUBLIC HEARING

1. PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING CHANGING THE FORM OF GOVERNMENT AND THE UTAH COUNTY OPTIONAL PLAN THAT WAS APPROVED TO SEND TO THE VOTERS AT THE GENERAL ELECTION WHICH WILL BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 3RD 2020.

COMMISSIONER LEE: MOTION TO OPEN PUBLIC HEARING
COMMISSIONER IVIE: SECOND
AYE: ALL IN FAVOR
PASSED: 3/0

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED

COMMISSIONER AINGE - WE ARE NOW IN PUBLIC HEARING. IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE WE HAVE AN OVERWHELMING NUMBER OF PUBLIC COMMENTS AND SO WE STILL, I GUESS WE WILL SET A STANDARD LIMIT FOR THREE MINUTES FOR PUBLIC COMMENT, BUT PERSONALLY I'M WILLING TO ENGAGE SOME QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS. IT LOOKS LIKE IT'S A MANAGEABLE CROWD. SO, THE TIME IS YOURS, ANYONE. JUST STATE YOUR NAME PLEASE FOR THE RECORDING.

DENISE DE VYUCK - MY NAME IS DENISE DE VYUCK. I LIVE IN OREM, UTAH FOR LAST 42 YEARS. WE SURE HAVE SEEN A LOT OF CHANGES HAPPEN OVER THESE YEARS. I WANT TO THANK YOU GENTLEMEN FOR ALL THE EDUCATION YOU ALWAYS GIVE US. MY QUESTION IS WHOSE IDEA WAS THIS FIRST? THIS OPTIONAL GOVERNMENT?

COMMISSIONER IVIE - LIKE FIRST FIRST OR?

DENISE DE VYUCK - DID YOU HAVE TO HAVE LIKE SOMEBODY PROPOSE IT, A SECOND PERSON YOU KNOW CO-SPONSOR IT? HOW DID THIS COME ABOUT BECAUSE IT SURE CAME OUT OF NOWHERE, WE'RE LIKE WHAT?

COMMISSIONER IVIE - I'LL HAPPILY ADDRESS THAT. THIS WAS ACTUALLY AN ISSUE I CAMPAIGNED ON ALMOST FOUR YEARS AGO NOW, ACTUALLY IT WOULD HAVE BEEN FOUR YEARS AGO NOW. AND SO, IT WAS AN ISSUE THAT HAD BEEN TALKED ABOUT EVEN DURING ELECTION CYCLES PRIOR TO THAT. OBVIOUSLY AS OUR COUNTY HAS GROWN, THERE HAS BEEN DIALOGUE ABOUT HOW TO HAVE THE BEST FORM OF REPRESENTATION AND WHAT THAT LOOKS LIKE AS OUR COUNTY GROWS AND CHANGES IN DYNAMICS. THEN THERE WAS, STARTING THERE WAS A PETITION GROUP THAT HAD A PROPOSAL FOR A MAYOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT, THEN WE AS A BODY INSTITUTED A GOOD GOVERNANCE ADVISORY BOARD COMMITTEE. AT THAT TIME, THAT PARTICULAR GROUP OF CITIZENS THAT HAD FILED THAT PETITION, STOPPED GATHERING SIGNATURES AND YOU KNOW PUT ALL THAT ON HOLD TO ALLOW THE PROCESS TO MOVE FORWARD. THERE WAS ANOTHER GROUP OF CITIZENS AT THE END OF THE GOOD GOVERNANCE ADVISORY BOARDS PROPOSAL, THAT FILED THE DIFFERENT PETITION. AND THEN FOLLOWING THAT PETITION FAILING TO GARNISH THE REQUIRED SIGNATURES. I PUT THIS PARTICULAR PROPOSAL BACK ON THE AGENDA FOR THE COMMISSIONERS. SO THAT'S A GENERAL TIMELINE.

DENISE DE VYUCK - COULD YOU BRIEFLY SUMMARIZE COMMISSIONER LEE, AND FIRST, ARE YOU FOR THIS?

COMMISSIONER LEE - I AM NOT.

DENISE DE VYUCK - I DIDN'T THINK SO. MR. AINGE, YOU ARE?

COMMISSIONER AINGE – YEAH, I VOTED TO PUT TO PLACE THIS OPTIONAL PLAN ON THE BALLOT AND GENERALLY SPEAKING YOU KNOW I THINK THAT THERE ARE, I'M HAPPY TO HAVE AN OPEN CONVERSATION ABOUT WHAT THE PROS AND CONS ARE TO MODIFYING OUR FORM OF GOVERNMENT.

DENISE DE VYUCK - THAT'S WHY I'M TRYING TO GET EDUCATED HERE AND THEN I PUT THIS ON MY WEBSITES AND MY FACEBOOK GROUPS AS WELL. BUT MY BIGGEST QUESTION IS I HAVE LIVED UNDER A FORM OF MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL. AND ONE MAN HAS ALL THE POWER. HE YELLED IT AT ME IN THE OFFICE WHEN I WAS TRYING TO GET THE MAYOR, WHO'S MY NEIGHBOR, OKAY, OF 42 YEARS THAT I'VE LIVED THERE, TO WORK ON SOMETHING REALLY IMPORTANT AND IT'S OUR WATER CONSERVATION THAT I TEACH AT MY SCHOOL. IT'S A CHARITY. AND WHAT HAPPENED WAS THAT ONE MAN IN POWER, SAID TO ME “DON'T GO TO THE MAYOR, DON'T GO TO THE CITY COUNCIL, THEY HAVE NO POWER. I HAVE ALL THE POWER.” THAT SCARED THE HELL OUT OF ME. I HAVE SEEN OREM COSTS GO THROUGH THE ROOF THAT WE DON'T NEED, THINGS WE DON'T NEED. AND THAT'S WHAT SCARES. AND I'D LIKE TO ASK YOU, DO YOU, EACH INDIVIDUALLY, TELL ME WHAT YOU, BECAUSE

NOW IT'S YOUR TIME, SEE DIFFERENT INSTEAD OF HAVING THREE OF YOU THAT WE CAN HAVE MEETINGS WITH LIKE THIS. THEY'LL BE ONE MAYOR AND PART TIME CITY COUNCIL JUST LIKE WE HAVE IN OREM BUT THAT SCARES ME. CAN YOU KIND OF HELP ME WITH MY FEARS? TELL ME, EACH ONE OF YOU AND ALL OF US, WHAT DIFFERENCE THIS WILL MEAN AND WHO HAS THE FINAL SAY IN THIS COUNTY? PLEASE BECAUSE I DON'T EVEN HAVE A CHARGING STATION. OREM AND PROVO GAVE US THIS CRAZY BUSING SYSTEM THAT IS SO FAST IT'S DANGEROUS AND IT'S MAINLY CATERING TO STUDENTS. THOSE OF US WHO ARE TRYING TO CLEAN THE AIR BECAUSE WE ARE THE WORST AIR IN THE COUNTRY, SECOND YEAR IN A ROW WITH WASATCH FRONT AND YET WE DON'T HAVE ONE SINGLE CHARGING STATION DOWN HERE. WITH CITY, STATE, PROVO, THERE'S NOT ONE ELECTRIC CHARGING STATION. IT'S REALLY POOR MANAGED AS IT IS AND I'M WORRIED IF ONE PERSON IS IN CHARGE, HOW ARE WE GOING TO HAVE THESE DEBATES?

COMMISSIONER IVIE - AND I'M, COULD I JUST ASK CLARIFYING QUESTION? BECAUSE IN YOUR COMMENT I WAS A LITTLE CONFUSED, BECAUSE I THOUGHT YOU SAID THAT YOU TALKED WITH ONE PERSON WHO TOLD YOU THE MAYOR AND THE COUNCIL DIDN'T HAVE THE POWER, THAT HE HAD THE POWER.

DENISE DE VYUCK – HE DID.

COMMISSIONER IVIE - SO WAS IT THE MAYOR? OR WAS IT...

DENISE DE VYUCK – NO, IT WAS ACTUALLY THE CITY MANAGER AND HE YELLED IT AT ME.

COMMISSIONER IVIE - AND SO THAT'S THE REASON I ASKED FOR THAT CLARIFICATION IS IN THIS PARTICULAR PROVISIONAL PLAN, THERE IS NOT A CITY MANAGER OR A COUNTY MANAGER.

DENISE DE VYUCK – THERE WILL JUST BE THE MAYOR?

COMMISSIONER IVIE - THERE WILL BE AN ELECTED MAYOR AND THEY'LL HAVE A CHIEF DEPUTY, RIGHT? THEIR ASSISTANT, AND THEN THERE WILL BE THE ELECTED COUNCIL MEMBERS. SO, ALL OF THE DECISION MAKERS IN THIS PARTICULAR SCENARIO WILL BE ELECTED OFFICIALS.

DENISE DE VYUCK - ALL SIX OF THEM?

COMMISSIONER IVIE – YES.

DENISE DE VYUCK - WILL BE THE DECISION MAKERS?

COMMISSIONER IVIE - AND THE MAYOR WOULD HAVE SOME EXECUTIVE FUNCTION IN POWER AND THE LEGISLATIVE BODY WOULD HAVE LEGISLATIVE POWERS.

DENISE DE VYUCK - THAT THEY CAN COUNTERACT WITH 75% UNANIMITY?

COMMISSIONER IVIE – YEAH, SO THERE'S A CHECK AND BALANCE BUILT INTO THIS PROVISIONAL PLAN SO THAT IF YOU KNOW THE COUNCIL PASSES SOMETHING THE MAYOR DISAPPROVES OF, HE CAN VETO THAT AND IF THEY SAY NO MAYOR, YOU'RE WRONG THEY HAVE THE CAPACITY TO OVERRIDE THAT VETO.

DENISE DE VYUCK - WOULD THEY HAVE CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS LIKE THE CITIES?

COMMISSIONER IVIE – YEAH, THEY'D HAVE A REGULARLY SCHEDULED COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING.

DENISE DE VYUCK - CITY COUNCIL MEETING AND WE CAN GET ON THE AGENDA?

COMMISSIONER AINGE - COUNTY COUNCIL BUT EXACTLY THE SAME.

COMMISSIONER IVIE – COUNTY COUNCIL BUT IT'D BE THE SAME, AND THEY WOULD DISCUSS LEGISLATIVE ITEMS LIKE WHETHER OR NOT THE COUNTY SHOULD INSTITUTE AND PUT IN CHARGING STATIONS OR THE ALLOCATIONS OF FUNDS FOR VARIOUS PROJECTS THAT ARE IMPORTANT TO CITIZENS. YOU'D BE ABLE TO GO TO YOUR COUNCILMEMBER IF THERE WAS A PARTICULAR INITIATIVE OR A LEGISLATIVE ACTION THAT YOU WANTED TO SEE OCCUR AND GO TO YOUR REPRESENTATIVE AND YOU COULD STILL GO TO ALL OF THEM, BUT YOU WILL ALWAYS HAVE ONE INDIVIDUAL THAT LIVES IN OREM AREA, RIGHT WITHIN YOUR DISTRICT, THAT YOU'D BE ABLE TO GO TO AND THEY WOULD BE ABLE TO PUT THAT...

DENISE DE VYUCK - REPRESENT US.

COMMISSIONER IVIE - TO PUT THAT IDEA FORWARD. BUT IN THIS PARTICULAR PROVISIONAL PLAN THERE IS NOT A COUNTY MANAGER AND I PERSONALLY WAS OPPOSED TO THAT BECAUSE I BELIEVE THAT THE PEOPLE MAKING THE DECISION SHOULD BE ELECTED OFFICIALS AND DIRECTLY ACCOUNTABLE.

DENISE DE VYUCK – EXACTLY.

COMMISSIONER IVIE - AND I WOULD NOTE THE GOOD GOVERNANCE ADVISORY BOARD ACTUALLY, AS THEY WENT THROUGH THEIR STUDIES, HAD A LOT OF DISCUSSION AND A DEBATE ON WHETHER OR NOT THAT WAS A GOOD PRACTICE OR NOT A GOOD PRACTICE, AND I CONCUR WITH YOU. I TEND TO NOT LIKE THAT, BECAUSE I THINK IT DOES TAKE AWAY A LITTLE BIT OF THE RESPONSIBILITY FROM THE ELECTED OFFICIALS.

DENISE DE VYUCK - THE POWER. WE LITERALLY WASTE OUR TIME GOING TO CITY COUNCIL. WE WASTE OUR TIME EVEN WITH OUR MAYOR AND THAT'S VERY FRUSTRATING TO US IN OREM AND WE DON'T WANT TO SEE THAT HAPPEN TO OUR COUNTY. AND SO RIGHT NOW, UNTIL I DO SOME MORE HOMEWORK, I AM AGAINST IT AS WELL.

COMMISSIONER AINGE - A COUPLE OF COMMENTS THAT YOU RAISED. I ACTUALLY THINK THAT THERE OUR PUBLIC MEETINGS COULD ACTUALLY BE MORE ENGAGING FOR THE PUBLIC WITH THE SEPARATION OF THE LEGISLATIVE AND THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH, BECAUSE IF YOU LOOK AT OUR AGENDA, A LOT OF THE AGENDA ITEMS WOULD NOT BE ON THERE IF THOSE ARE ITEMS THAT THE EXECUTIVE COULD HANDLE ON THEIR OWN. SO KEY MATTERS THAT YOU WOULD GO, AND IT WOULD BE MORE LIKE YOUR CITY COUNCIL ISSUE, YOU'RE NOT GOING TO SEE 25 ITEMS OF JUST SIGN A BASIC CONTRACT OR A COPY MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT, RIGHT? INSTEAD, THESE ARE GOING TO BE ISSUES THAT MATTER. AND ANOTHER THING ABOUT THE PUBLIC MEETINGS IS THERE WILL BE MORE PEOPLE INVOLVED AND SO RIGHT NOW THERE TENDS TO BE, IF WE'RE WORKING ON AN ITEM AND WE ALL KIND OF UNDERSTAND IT, IT WILL JUST BE MOVED TO CONSENT. THERE WON'T BE A LOT OF DISCUSSION ON IT. I THINK THAT WHEN YOU HAVE FIVE-MEMBER COUNTY COUNCIL THERE MAY END UP BEING MORE ENGAGEMENT ON THE ISSUES BECAUSE IF ANY ONE OF THE FIVE HAVE A QUESTION, IT WILL BE HELD FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION. SO, I ACTUALLY THINK THAT WOULD RESULT IN MORE TRANSPARENCY AND MORE OPEN ENGAGEMENT. THAT WAS ONE OF THE OTHER FINDINGS OF THE GOOD GOVERNANCE ADVISORY BOARD. IN TERMS OF RESIDENTS OF FEELING DIRECTLY CONNECTED TO THEIR GOVERNMENT I DO THINK THAT ANOTHER IMPROVEMENT HERE IS THAT THERE IS GEOGRAPHIC REPRESENTATION, WHICH WE DO NOT HAVE RIGHT NOW. AND I THINK SOMETIMES THAT CAN BE MORE DIFFICULT IN SO MANY OTHER AREAS YOU CAN KNOW EVEN IN THEIR STATE LEGISLATURE RIGHT YOU KNOW WHO YOUR LOCAL REP IS. THE WAY OUR POLITICS WORK IN UTAH IT'S VERY EASY TO GET TO KNOW YOUR STATE REPRESENTATIVE BUT YOUR COUNTY COMMISSION IS SERVING 600,000 RESIDENTS. I THINK ONCE YOU, ONCE WE INTRODUCE THOSE DISTRICTS PEOPLE MIGHT BE ABLE TO FEEL MORE CONNECTED THERE. SO, I THINK THERE ARE A LOT OF IMPROVEMENTS.

I WILL SAY THAT THERE'S SOME AWKWARDNESS TO HAVING A 3 HEADED EXECUTIVE THAT I HAVE EXPERIENCED OVER THE PAST YEAR, WHERE EVEN WHEN WE'RE NOT BEING DYSFUNCTIONAL AND WE'RE ALL WORKING TOGETHER REALLY WELL, IT CAN JUST BE HARD FOR SOMEONE TO TRY TO FIND A TIME TO TALK TO ALL THREE OF US, BECAUSE OF PUBLIC MEETING REQUIREMENTS, YOU KNOW SOMETIMES YOU JUST NEED A POINT PERSON. IN BUSINESS YOU NEED A CEO, A BOARD OF DIRECTORS, AND I THINK THAT'S AWKWARD. THE ONE CON THAT I WILL POINT OUT IS ONE THAT YOU RAISE, THAT I FEEL ABOUT THIS. THERE'S A LOT OF IMPROVEMENTS BUT IN THE WORST-CASE SCENARIO, YOU KNOW, ONE REALLY BAD MAYOR IS PROBABLY WORSE THAN ONE REALLY BAD COUNTY COMMISSIONER.

DENISE DE VYUCK - EXACTLY BECAUSE THEN WE HAVE THREE OF YOU AND THAT'S WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING OVER THE YEARS, IS WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO COME TO THESE HEARINGS AND SPEAK TO ALL THREE OF THE COMMISSIONERS, FIND OUT HOW EACH ONE SITS, BE ABLE TO VOICE OUR OPINIONS AND HOPE THAT THE THREE OF YOU CAN VOTE TOGETHER. THE FIRST YEAR YOU TRIED TO RAISE THE TAX 27%, THEN YOU CHANGED YOUR MIND, AND YOU CAME BACK WITH OKAY, UNANIMOUS WE'RE NOT GOING TO RAISE THAT PROPERTY TAX YOU KNOW. I JUST I REALLY HAVE LOVED AND

APPRECIATED THAT SYSTEM AND LOVE TO BE ABLE TO HAVE THREE PEOPLE IN POWER. I WISH THAT WAS REALLY GOING ON IN OUR FEDERAL GOVERNMENT RIGHT NOW IT SEEMS LIKE IT'S A POWER STRUGGLE THAT IS SO OUT OF CONTROL INSTEAD OF WORKING TOGETHER AS WE HAVE WATCHED THE COMMISSIONERS HERE WORK TOGETHER ON EACH ISSUE THAT WAS SO IMPORTANT TO THE WHOLE COUNTY. AND SO, I REALLY HAVE A LOT OF APPREHENSIONS AFTER WORKING WITH MY CITY GOVERNMENT WHICH IS A MAYOR AND A CITY COUNCIL THAT I FEEL LIKE I'VE WASTED OVER 40 YEARS THAT I'VE GONE SINCE MAYOR NELSON. I HAVE WASTED MY TIME GOING TO MY CITY COUNCIL AND MY MAYOR. NOTHING HAS EVER BEEN CHANGED AND THE ONE MAN WE HAD, VERY MUCH LIKE COMMISSIONER LEE, THE ONE MAN WE HAD UNFORTUNATELY HANS ANDERSEN, WHO TRIED TO PROTECT US, ALWAYS KEEP THE COST DOWN, ALWAYS WATCH OVER OUR TAXES AND NOT RAISE THEM AND OUR COSTS, THE PUBLIC DIDN'T FOLLOW THROUGH AND KEEP HIM THERE. BUT I FEAR, LIKE YOU SAID, THAT ONE CON THAT ONE BAD APPLE COMES IN AND HE'S THE MAYOR AND HE'S PAID OFF BY ALL THE DEVELOPERS AND EVERYTHING WE'RE WATCHING HAPPEN IN OUR MONEY GOING TO IN UTAH COUNTY THAT IS OUR BIGGEST FEAR. WE DON'T WANT TO SEE THIS GROW BECAUSE MOST OF US ON FIXED INCOMES CANNOT AFFORD THIS GROWTH. WE HAVE ENOUGH POLLUTION, WE HAVE ENOUGH COSTS, WE CAN BARELY STAY AFLOAT. AND SO MANY PEOPLE FEEL LIKE WE'RE BEING PUSHED OUT OF OUR PROPERTIES BECAUSE IT'S TOO EXPENSIVE TO LIVE IN UTAH COUNTY AND IT DEFINITELY IS TOO EXPENSIVE LIVE IN OREM CITY. SO, I JUST WANT TO PUT THAT OUT THERE.

COMMISSIONER LEE - SO IF I COULD HAVE A CHANCE.

DENISE DE VYUCK – YES, PLEASE COMMISSIONER.

COMMISSIONER LEE - YOU KNOW IN LOOKING AT THIS SITUATION A COUPLE YEARS AGO WHEN IT WAS COMING UP AND THERE WAS SOME QUESTIONS ABOUT IT, I MEAN THERE WAS CAMPAIGNS EVEN IN THE PAST THAT THEY CAME UP ON THIS ISSUE, SO IT DID SURFACE HERE AND THERE, AND IT DOES BECAUSE THERE ARE DIFFERENT COUNTIES TO LOOK AT AND SO IT DOES POP UP HERE AND THERE. AND I REALLY TRIED TO LOOK AT THIS THROUGH WHAT WOULD BE THE BEST YOU KNOW FORM OF GOVERNMENT, NOT SETTLED NECESSARILY BUT I HAD APPREHENSIONS AND WHEN PEOPLE WOULD ASK ME, I WOULD TELL THEM HONESTLY THAT BECAUSE I HAVE FUNCTIONED IN A COUNTY COMMISSION FORUM, I NATURALLY FEEL LIKE I UNDERSTAND IT BEST. AND SO, IT'S HARD TO DO THAT COMPARISON WHEN YOU'VE SERVED IN ONE AND YOU'VE SEEN THE FUNCTIONALITY OF IT AND YOU'VE SEEN THE DYSFUNCTION TOO, BUT IT SEEMS LIKE IT'S ONE THAT YOU'RE FAMILIAR WITH. SO, I WENT THROUGH THE PROCESS YOU KNOW AS THESE THINGS STARTED COMING UP MORE AND MORE AND DOING A LOT MORE HOMEWORK ON THEM AND YOU KNOW, AND I FOUND IT INTERESTING THAT MANY WOULD SAY WELL IT'S OUR GROWTH, IT'S OUR GROWTH, WE'VE GOT TO EXPAND GOVERNMENT BECAUSE OF OUR GROWTH, WHICH I FIND HARD WHEN I STARTED LOOKING ACROSS THE COUNTRY AT DIFFERENT AREAS OF POPULATION AND HOW THE COUNTIES WERE SERVED AND THEY'RE ALL LITTLE DIFFERENT. IT'S REALLY HARD TO KIND OF PUT THEM ALL THE SAME BECAUSE THERE ARE SOME

PLACES IN OUR COUNTRY WHERE YOU KNOW THEY DON'T REALLY EVEN HAVE COUNTY GOVERNMENT AT ALL AND THEN THERE ARE SOME PLACES IN WHICH THE LEGISLATURES, THEIR LEGISLATURES, HAVE GIVEN THEM DIFFERENT POWERS. THEY HAVE EXECUTIVE POWER BUT NO LEGISLATIVE POWER. IT ALL HAS TO GO THROUGH THEIR STATE. SO, IT'S HARD TO AND THEY CALL THEM DIFFERENTLY, THEY CALL THEM SUPERVISORS AND SO FORTH, BUT I DID FIND SOME THAT HAD LARGE POPULATION CENTERS WITH, I MEAN LARGE, LIKE MILLIONS, OF POPULATION CENTERS WITH FIVE. FIVE SUPERVISORS AND I HAD TO ASK MYSELF SO ARE THEY MORE EFFICIENT THAN WE ARE AT 622,000, THEREFORE YOU KNOW DOES THAT MAKE SENSE IN A GROWTH PATTERN WHERE WE NEED TO EXPAND AND SO IF WE'RE AT THIS POINT AND WE SAY WE NEED TO EXPAND GOVERNMENT BY A CERTAIN RATE,

IF WE DOUBLE IN SIZE ARE WE'RE GOING TO SAY WE NEED TO DOUBLE AGAIN YOU KNOW WITH THAT? THAT'S WHERE I WAS GOING WITH MY LINE OF REASONING AND THEN BECAUSE I'VE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO KNOW A LOT OF THE COMMISSIONERS AND COUNCIL MEMBERS, I VISITED WITH A NUMBER OF THEM. SOME OF THEM THAT WENT THROUGH THE TRANSITION, THEY WERE COMMISSIONERS BEFORE COUNCIL MEMBERS AFTERWARDS AND I ASKED HIM WHAT WAS THE DIFFERENCE AND WHERE THEY WERE AT AND WHAT WAS THE ADVANTAGES AND DISADVANTAGES TO GOING AND I GOT MIXED YOU KNOW REVIEWS ON THAT. BUT THE ONE THING THAT CAME BACK OVER AND OVER AND I THINK YOU TOUCHED ON IT AND THAT IS THAT YOU KNOW I HEAR SEPARATION OF POWER, SEPARATION OF POWER, BUT SEPARATION OF POWER USUALLY LENDS TOWARDS A FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IN WHICH WE'RE TALKING ABOUT EQUAL BRANCHES OF SEPARATION OF POWER. THERE'S NOTHING EQUAL ABOUT THESE BRANCHES. THERE IS NO EQUAL BRANCH IN THIS. THERE IS NO CHECK AND BALANCE ON AN EQUAL SCALE. THE SCALES ARE WEIGHTED AND THAT'S THE REASON WHY IT CAUSES ME PAUSE, BECAUSE IF WE, IT LOOKS TO ME LIKE A CONSOLIDATION OF POWER. YOU HAVE YOU HAVE A FULL-TIME INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS A FULL-TIME STAFF AND THAT POWER FLOWS THROUGH THAT FULL-TIME REPRESENTATIVE. AND THEN YOU HAVE PART TIME INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE GOING TO COME IN WHEN, TO MEET WITH THEIR CONSTITUENTS, AT NIGHT? I MEAN THEY'RE PROBABLY WORKING JOBS DURING THE DAY AND RIGHTFULLY SO AND THEN THEY'RE GOING TO COME IN AT NIGHT AND MEET WITH CONSTITUENTS YEAH THAT POSSIBLY CAN WORK I MEAN IT WORKS WITH THE STATE LEGISLATURE SIDE TO YOU KNOW TO AN EXTENT, BUT I ALSO SEE A BURNOUT FACTOR ON THE CITY SIDE. THE CITY SIDE, I ASKED A NUMBER OF THE PROVO CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS HOW COME THEY'RE NOT RUNNING FOR REELECTION, THEY SAID I GOTTA GET MY LIFE BACK. THIS WAS, I SPENT SO MUCH TIME TRYING TO JUGGLE THIS. HOME AND THE CITY AND THE CITY'S SCHEDULE THAT I CAN ONLY SPEND SO MUCH TIME ON THAT AND BECAUSE I DON'T HAVE A FULL-TIME STAFF THAT CAN DO ALL THIS WORK FOR ME THEN I WIND UP TRYING TO DO IT ALL ON MY OWN. AND I THINK WE GO DOWN IN REPRESENTATION NOT UP AND REPRESENTATION. MAYBE ON A NUMBER BASIS WE DO, BUT I DON'T THINK WE GO, I THINK WE GO DOWN ON AN INFORMED BASIS. I CAN SPEND A LOT OF TIME AS A COUNTY COMMISSIONER ON AN ISSUE. I CAN GO OVER AND TALK WITH OUR COUNTY ATTORNEYS, I CAN TALK WITH THE INDIVIDUALS, I CAN PULL THEM IN BACK AND FORTH, A LOT OF DIALOGUE CAN HAPPEN AND SO IT CONCERNS ME

BECAUSE IT DOES LOOK LIKE, AND ESPECIALLY ON A STRONG MAYOR BASIS WITH THE VETO POWER THAT'S IN PLACE THERE, IT WOULD TAKE FOUR OF THE FIVE TO OVERRIDE THAT. IT SEEMS LIKE A CONSOLIDATION OF POWER TO ME INTO ONE INDIVIDUAL AND INTO ONE OFFICE. BECAUSE YOU'LL HAVE THE MAYOR, AN APPOINTED DEPUTY MAYOR, AND ANOTHER STAFF MEMBER. SO, YOU GOT THREE THERE THAT ARE FULL TIME WORKING YOU KNOW TO PUSH A CERTAIN DIRECTION WHICH IS OF CONCERN TO ME.

DENISE DE VYUCK - ME TOO. THANK YOU, COMMISSIONER LEE. THANK YOU ALL OF YOU. I APPRECIATE IT.

SARAH BATEMAN - HI MY NAME IS SARAH BATEMAN AND I'M A RESIDENT OF OREM. AND I'M JUST HERE TO ADVOCATE FOR NON-PARTISANSHIP IN THESE, WHETHER IT'S MAINTAINED AS THIS FORM OF GOVERNMENT OR THIS NEW PROPOSED FORM OF GOVERNMENT. I WAS JUST AT A KIND OF TOWN HALL EARLIER TODAY WITH CONGRESSMAN JOHN CURTIS AND I WAS BRINGING THIS IDEA UP AND HE WAS TALKING ABOUT KIND OF THIS HYPER PARTISANSHIP THAT WE SEE A LOT THESE DAYS, GENERALLY ON THE FEDERAL LEVEL, BUT WE ALSO SEE THAT ON THE STATE LEVEL AND COMPARING THAT TO HIS TIME AS MAYOR OF PROVO HOW THAT WAS A NONPARTISAN POSITION AND HOW YOU COULD KIND OF REMOVE THE DISTRACTION THAT A LOT OF TIMES COMES WITH WHEN YOU ONLY HAVE TWO PARTIES IT BECOMES THIS US VERSUS THEM AND IT BECOMES A DISTRACTION FROM WHOEVER THE ELECTED OR WHOEVER IS CAMPAIGNING FOR OFFICE, HAVING AND ENCOURAGING PEOPLE TO GET TO KNOW THE INDIVIDUAL, GET TO AND TALK ABOUT THE ISSUES INSTEAD OF BEING DISTRACTED BY YOU KNOW WHAT LETTER IS BEHIND THE NAME. SO, IS THAT SOMETHING THAT WAS CONSIDERED OR THAT COULD BE CONSIDERED TO HAVE WHATEVER THIS COUNTY FORM OF GOVERNMENT TO BE A NON-PARTISAN OFFICE?

COMMISSIONER AINGE - SO I APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENT AND I ACTUALLY AGREE WITH THE SENTIMENT. I THINK IT'S A MAJOR PROBLEM THAT WE'RE DEALING WITH RIGHT NOW IN OUR COUNTRY AND I LOVE THE FACT I THINK THAT EVEN ON THE COUNTY LEVEL EVEN THOUGH WE ARE IN PARTISAN POSITION RIGHT NOW I THINK WE DO SEE LESS OF THAT AND I THINK WE DO SEE MORE OF JUST ENGAGING AND TRYING TO FIND COMMON SENSE SOLUTIONS. AND SOMETIMES PARTISAN LABELS CAN JUST BE A DISTRACTION AND A SOURCE OF DIVISION. TECHNICALLY TO DIRECTLY ANSWER YOUR QUESTION, STATE LAW RIGHT NOW MANDATES THESE TO BE PARTISAN.

SARAH BATEMAN - SO IF THAT WERE TO CHANGE THAT WOULD HAVE TO BE...

COMMISSIONER AINGE - IT WOULD HAVE TO BE AT THE STATE LAWS LEVEL. AND SO THAT IS THE BOX THAT WE'RE IN AND THAT'S WHY IT DOESN'T OUR PLAN DOESN'T ACTUALLY MENTION WHETHER IT'S PARTISAN OR NOT.

SARAH BATEMAN – IT DOES.

COMMISSIONER AINGE – OH, IT DOES SAY?

SARAH BATEMAN – IT DOES SAY PARTISAN.

COMMISSIONER AINGE - I WAS GOING TO SAY IT'S JUST GOVERNED BY STATE LAW, BUT I GUESS IT TO THE EXTENT IT'S WRITTEN IN HERE THAT'S JUST TO COMPLY WITH THE STATE CODE.

COMMISSIONER IVIE – STATE CODE.

SARAH BATEMAN – OKAY, THAT ANSWERS MY QUESTION. THANK YOU.

COMMISSIONER AINGE - THANK YOU.

COMMISSIONER IVIE - THANK YOU.

NEIL SORENSON - MY NAME IS NEIL SORENSON; I LIVE IN SPANISH FORK. I WANT TO ASK YOU A FEW QUESTIONS. WHY DID YOU GO WITH THE DEPUTY MAYOR IN ONE BOX?

COMMISSIONER AINGE - YOU'RE ASKING ABOUT THE DEPUTY MAYOR?

NEIL SORENSON – YEAH. WHY DO YOU WANT TO GO WITH THAT?

COMMISSIONER AINGE - INSTEAD OF?

NEIL SORENSON – NOT HAVING ONE.

COMMISSIONER AINGE - SO I WANT TO MAKE SURE I UNDERSTAND YOUR QUESTION. SO, WHAT WE'VE GOT IN, OR ARE YOU MAY BE LOOKING AT THIS SHEET?

NEIL SORENSON – YES.

COMMISSIONER AINGE - SO ON THIS SHEET, WE'VE GOT ON ONE SIDE YOU HAVE 3 COMMISSIONERS AND THEY EACH HAVE A POLICY ADVISOR AND THEN ON THE OTHER SIDE YOU HAVE A MAYOR WHO HAS A DEPUTY MAYOR AND THEN YOU HAVE 5 COUNCIL MEMBERS WHO HIRE ONE ASSISTANT FOR THE ENTIRE COUNCIL.

NEIL SORENSON - WHY CAN'T YOU GO WITH THE TOP ONE? ARE YOU ELIMINATING JOBS AND YOUR COSTS DOWN 47% VERSUS 7%?

COMMISSIONER AINGE - WE ARE REDUCING THE COST, IF YOU LOOK IN THIS, IS IF YOU LOOK AT THESE TWO, IF YOU LOOK AT THE 2020 THE CURRENT FORM TO WHERE THIS WOULD GO, IT REPRESENTS A 46% SAVINGS IF JUST ELECTED OFFICIALS OR 34% SAVINGS IF YOU INCLUDE THE PROPOSED STAFFING STAFF.

NEIL SORENSON - AND THE ELECTED STAFF, ON THE TOP PART AND NEITHER ONE OF THEM AGREE WITH EACH OTHER.

COMMISSIONER IVIE - AS FAR AS THE SALARIES GO?

NEIL SORENSON – YEAH.

COMMISSIONER AINGE - CAN YOU STATE YOUR QUESTION AGAIN?

NEIL SORENSON – ON THE TOP PART OF THIS IS WHERE IT'S GOT ELECTED OFFICIALS ONLY. HOW COME YOU CAN'T JUST GO WITH THIS THE STAFFING RATHER THAN GOING WITH THE BOTTOM PART?

COMMISSIONER AINGE – OH, SO YOU'RE SAYING WHY DON'T WE JUST HAVE ELECTED OFFICIALS AND NO STAFF WHATSOEVER?

NEIL SORENSON – YEAH.

COMMISSIONER AINGE - SO I THINK THAT THAT WOULDN'T BE, RIGHT NOW THERE'S NO PROPOSAL ON THE TABLE TO JUST KEEP THE THREE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND REMOVES OUR STAFF MEMBERS. AND THEN IF WE WERE TO CHANGE TO A MAYOR / COUNCIL THIS ACTUALLY DOES HAVE A REDUCTION OF STAFF EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE EXPANDING IT TO FIVE COUNCIL MEMBERS BECAUSE THE COUNCIL WOULD HAVE ONE STAFF MEMBER AND THE MAYOR WOULD HAVE ONE STAFF MEMBER, SO YOU GO FROM 3 POLICY ADVISERS TO ONE DEPUTY MAYOR AND ONE ASSISTANT TO THE COUNCIL.

NEIL SORENSON – OKAY. ALRIGHT, THANK YOU.

COMMISSIONER AINGE - THANK YOU.

NEIL SORENSON - I'M AGAINST THE CHANGE THOUGH, I THINK.

COMMISSIONER AINGE - THANK YOU.

DEBORAH HERBERT - I'M DEBORAH HERBERT FROM MAPLETON, UTAH. WHAT IS GLARINGLY APPARENT TO ME IS THAT THESE PROPOSALS REMOVE THE POWER OF THE CITIZENS TO MAKE CHOICES. IF YOU GO TO A MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR SYSTEM, YOU'RE LOOKING AT PAYING THOSE PEOPLE FULL TIME WHILE THE PEOPLE WHO ARE CLOSEST, THE COUNCIL MEMBERS WHO ARE CLOSEST TO THE CITIZENRY, WHETHER YOU DIVIDE THEM UP INTO FIVE SECTIONS OR WHETHER YOU DIVIDE THEM UP INTO THREE SECTIONS, THE COUNCIL MEMBERS WHO SHOULD BE MOST ACCESSIBLE TO CITIZENS AND WHAT CITIZENS WANT, ARE \$20,000 A YEAR PART TIME. SERIOUSLY? YOU PROPOSED THEY MAKE LESS THAN HALF OF THE PROPOSED ASSISTANT. YOU'RE TAKING THE POWER FURTHER AND FURTHER AWAY FROM THE CITIZENRY WITH THIS KIND OF A PLAN. I LOOK AT THIS AND UNDER THE CURRENT SYSTEM YOU EACH HAVE A POLICY ADVISOR. PLEASE TELL ME WHAT YOUR LEGAL COUNTY SYSTEM IS FOR? WE PAY LAWYERS ON THE COUNTY SYSTEM. WHY DO YOU NEED A POLICY ADVISOR? WHAT ARE THEY PAYING THEM FOR?

COMMISSIONER IVIE – WELL, SO TECHNICALLY THE CIVIL DIVISION THAT WE DO RELY UPON WORKS FOR THE COUNTY ATTORNEY THEY DON'T ACTUALLY WORK FOR THE THREE COMMISSIONERS.

DEBORAH HERBERT - AND SO IF WE WENT TO A 5-COMMISSIONER SYSTEM AND YOU HAD THEN AMONG THOSE 5 COMMISSIONERS A POLICY ADVISOR, THEN WE KEEP THE POWER CLOSE TO THE PEOPLE YOU HAVE A MAYOR AND A PROPOSED MAYOR, AND A DEPUTY MAYOR, WHAT YOU DO IS MAKE THIS BRANCH EXECUTIVELY TOP HEAVY. THEY ARE BENEFITED, THEY ARE COMPENSATED, THEY ARE FINANCIALLY SUPPORTED. AND THE COUNCIL MEMBERS WHO ARE CLOSEST TO THE PEOPLE, THE CITIZENRY, ARE UNCOMPENSATED, THEY'RE UNBENEFITED, AND THEY'RE UNSUPPORTED. IT JUST, IS IT'S SUCH A GLARING, STARK, PROBLEMATIC, TAKE THE POWER AND THE ADVICE OF THE CITIZENRY AS FAR AWAY FROM THEM AS YOU CAN, AND PAY TO DO IT. I WOULD LOVE TO SEE OUR COUNCIL DIVIDED OUT INTO FIVE SECTIONS AND I WOULD LOVE TO SEE FIVE OF YOU SITTING THERE WITH NO MAYOR AND NO DEPUTY MAYOR. I WOULD LOVE TO SEE YOU HAVE ONE OR TWO ASSISTANTS, NOT EACH OF YOU HAVING A POLICY ADVISER BECAUSE I THINK THAT'S DUPLICATION OF EFFORT. THEN YOU START PUTTING ACCESS TO YOUR CONSTITUENTS IN EACH GEOGRAPHIC AREA AND PAY THEM TO DO IT. BUT THE MINUTE YOU GO TO A FORM OF GOVERNMENT THAT ASKS ME AS A COUNCILMAN TO PUT IN MY TIME, FREE OF CHARGE, AT \$20,000 A YEAR, SERIOUSLY? JUST IT IT'S PROBLEMATIC FOR ME.

COMMISSIONER IVIE - DO YOU FEEL LIKE OUR STATE LEGISLATURE IS OR ARE COMPENSATED APPROPRIATELY?

DEBORAH HERBERT - CONSIDERING THE AMOUNT OF COMPENSATION IN THIS STATE, I THINK SO.

COMMISSIONER IVIE - DO YOU REALIZE THAT YOUR COUNCIL MEMBER WILL BE COMPENSATED AT A HIGHER RATE THAN YOUR CURRENT STATE REPRESENTATIVE?

DEBORAH HERBERT - YOU KNOW WHAT? AND I COULD SAY HIS NAME, BUT I WON'T EMBARRASS HIM, IS NOT ACCESSIBLE TO ME ANYWAY. WE'VE TRIED WITH OUR REPRESENTATIVE AND THAT'S LIKE A ZERO-SUM GAME.

COMMISSIONER IVIE - I APOLOGIZE THAT YOU HAVE SOMEONE POORLY, BUT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT THE COMPENSATION LEVELS AND I WAS JUST CLARIFYING THAT THIS COMPENSATION LEVEL TO HOPEFULLY ATTRACT QUALITY INDIVIDUALS IS ACTUALLY SLIGHTLY HIGHER THAN WHAT THE STATE REPRESENTATIVES CURRENTLY MAKE.

DEBORAH HERBERT - YOU KNOW I'M SICK OF HEARING THE QUALITY INDIVIDUAL THAT WE NEED TO BE COMPENSATED. YOU PAY YOUR ACCOUNTANTS \$105,000. YOU HAVE 215 PEOPLE ON THIS PAYROLL THAT MAKE OVER \$100,000 IN THE UTAH COUNTY GOVERNMENT. THERE JUST HAS GOT TO BE A BETTER WAY THAN MAKING THIS SO EXECUTIVELY TOP HEAVY, SO FAR REMOVED FROM THE CITIZENRY, AND THEN YOU WANT US TO PAY FOR IT TO BE THAT WAY.

COMMISSIONER AINGE - SO WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT "YOU PAY FOR IT"? BECAUSE THIS WOULD ACTUALLY BE CHEAPER THAN THE CURRENT PLAN AND IT WOULD CERTAINLY BE CHEAPER THAN HAVING FIVE COMMISSIONERS.

DEBRA HERBERT – OH, AND IT TAKES AWAY FROM US AS CITIZENS, ACCESS, IT TAKES...

COMMISSIONER IVIE – OKAY, I'D JUST LIKE TO UNDERSTAND YOUR REASONING HOW IT TAKES AWAY WHEN WE'RE GIVING YOU THE FIVE REPRESENTATIVES IN A DISTRICT THAT YOU GET WITH THE FIVE COMMISSIONERS IN THE DISTRICT THE ONLY DIFFERENCE IS THE EXECUTIVE RESPONSIBILITY. I GUESS I'M TRYING TO UNDERSTAND HOW THAT TAKES AWAY YOUR ACCESS.

DEBORAH HERBERT - I DON'T THINK WE NEED AN EXECUTIVE RESPONSIBILITY. I DON'T KNOW. I WOULD PROPOSE A THIRD PLAN HERE. I WOULD BUMP THE THREE OF YOU TO FIVE. I WOULD NOT HAVE A MAYOR. I WOULD NOT HAVE A DEPUTY MAYOR. I WOULD NOT GIVE MY POWER AWAY TO ONE OR TWO PEOPLE AT THE EXECUTIVE TOP AND THEN FORCE A FOUR TO FIVE VOTE, I MEAN TO OVERRULE THE MAYOR YOU WANT A FOUR TO ONE VOTE? WHAT HAPPENED TO SIMPLE MAJORITY? A 3 - 2 VOTE IS GOOD.

COMMISSIONER IVIE - THAT MODEL ACTUALLY FOLLOWS THE MODEL SET IN THE US CONSTITUTION FOR AN OVERRIDE IN THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH.

DEBORAH HERBERT - AND SO GIVEN THAT THESE ARE THE ONLY THREE POSSIBILITIES, I SAY STAY WITH THREE OF YOU. I SURE DON'T WANT TO PAY FIVE OF YOU AND BE TOP HEAVY.

COMMISSIONER IVIE - SO YOU DON'T WANT TO SAVE MONEY?

DEBORAH HERBERT - AT THE EXPENSE OF MY POWER AS A CITIZEN TO HAVE ACCESS TO MY COUNCILMAN AND TO RUN A REFERENDUM, WHICH WE ARE CURRENTLY DOING FOR THE 67.5 % BUDGET INCREASE, AND WE WILL BE SUCCESSFUL AT THIS REFERENDUM, IT'S OUR ONLY CHOICE. BUT YOU KNOW RUNNING A REFERENDUM IS EXPENSIVE AND WHO DOES THE MONEY FALL ON? US AS CITIZENS. WE'VE GOT TO GO OUT AND BEG FOR MONEY IN ORDER TO RUN THAT REFERENDUM AND GET THOSE SIGNATURES. WE'LL HAVE TO DO IT WITH THIS IF YOU GUYS DECIDE THAT YOU WANT TO GO TOP HEAVY ON THE EXECUTIVE ROUTE AND HAVE A MAYOR AND A DEPUTY MAYOR.

COMMISSIONER IVIE - THIS WILL BE BEFORE THE PEOPLE, SO IT'S NOT OUR DECISION, IT'S THE PEOPLE'S DECISION.

DEBORAH HERBERT - SO ARE YOU SAYING THAT THE BALLOT IN NOVEMBER WILL SAY THE CURRENT THREE COMMISSION SYSTEM OR 5 COMMISSIONERS WITH THE MAYOR AND A DEPUTY MAYOR? BECAUSE I SEE 1, 2, 3 PLANS HERE. I SEE THREE DIFFERENT PLANS. SO, YOU'RE PUTTING THREE DIFFERENT OPTIONS ON THE BALLOT IN NOVEMBER? NO YOU'RE NOT.

COMMISSIONER IVIE – WHAT WILL BE ON THE BALLOT AS AN OPTION IN NOVEMBER, IS THE MAYOR COUNCIL FORM AND IF THAT PASSES, WE WILL TRANSITION TO THAT FORM. IF IT DOESN'T PASS, WE WILL STAY WITH THE EXISTING FORM.

DEBORAH HERBERT - I VOTE FOR THE LESSER OF TWO EVILS AND THAT'S CURRENTLY AS IT EXISTS.

COMMISSIONER AINGE - THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMMENTS. I'LL MAKE A COUPLE OF COMMENTS THAT WILL ADDRESS A FEW OF THE COMMENTS THAT HAVE BEEN MADE. ONE IS ABOUT CONCENTRATION OF POWER. I THINK THERE'S NO QUESTION AS WE TALKED ABOUT, THAT AS WE GO TO AN EXECUTIVE, AN EXECUTIVE BAD EXECUTIVE, A BAD MAYOR, THERE'S SOME RISK OF THAT IN THIS MODEL. BUT I DO WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE CLARIFYING IT'S ALMOST AS IF SOME OF THE COMMENTS OR CONCERNS WERE SAYING THAT BY HAVING THE MAYOR BE FULL TIME AND HAVING THEIR STAFF BE FULL TIME THAT THAT'S ALMOST A WEIGHT AGAINST THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH, WHICH IS NOT THE CASE. THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH HAS THEIR OWN SET OF ACTIONS THAT THEY WILL TAKE. AND SO, THE MAYOR DOES NOT HAVE A VOTE ON THOSE LEGISLATIVE MATTERS.

DEBORAH HERBERT – AND CAN I JUST SAY ON THAT COMMENT, IF IT'S THE COUNCIL THAT'S RUNNING THE SHOW, IF IT'S THE COUNCIL THAT'S MAKING THOSE DECISIONS, WHY THE CRUD ARE YOU PAYING IN THE MAYOR SO MUCH MONEY? IT'S THE GUYS WHO ARE MAKING \$20,000 THAT ARE MAKING ALL THE DECISIONS.

COMMISSIONER AINGE - SO ON THE COMPENSATION SIDE, I THINK THAT THIS IS STANDARD YOU KNOW WHEN YOU LOOK AT A BOARD OF DIRECTORS OBVIOUSLY THAT'S MORE OF A PART TIME COMMITMENT VERSUS A HIRED EXECUTIVE TO RUN THE DAY-TO-DAY FUNCTIONS OF A BUSINESS OR IN THIS CASE COUNTY. I'M ACTUALLY REALLY IMPRESSED IN OUR STATE. I THINK THERE'S SOME VALIDITY TO THE ARGUMENT OF WHAT IS FAIR COMPENSATION? HOW DO WE PROPERLY COMPENSATE MEMBERS? BECAUSE I DO THINK THE WORST, ANOTHER, WE TALKED ABOUT A BAD MAYOR THAT'S ONE RISK IN THE SYSTEM. ANOTHER RISK IN THIS SYSTEM IS IF THE COUNCIL IS NOT ENGAGED. BECAUSE THE COUNCIL REALLY HAS A TON OF OPPORTUNITY HERE TO HOLD THE MAYOR ACCOUNTABLE. SO, IF WE ELECT THE WRONG PEOPLE, WHO NEVER HOLD THE MAYOR ACCOUNTABLE, THEY'RE NOT ENGAGED THEN THAT'S ANOTHER BAD OUTCOME FOR OUR SYSTEM. BUT I THINK THAT WE CAN, AND WE WILL ELECT GOOD PEOPLE TO THIS SEAT. NOW THEN THE QUESTION BECOMES, WELL DO YOU NEED TO COMPENSATE, DO YOU NEED TO INCENTIVIZE THEM PROPERLY AND COMMISSIONER IVIE MADE THE POINT ABOUT THE STATE LEGISLATURE. I'M ACTUALLY REALLY IMPRESSED WITH THE LEVEL OF THE PEOPLE THAT RUN FOR THE STATE LEGISLATURE. YOU KNOW MY HOUSE REP WAS MIKE KENNEDY BEFORE HE RESIGNED, RIGHT? YOU'VE GOT SOMEONE WHO IS A DOCTOR, A LAWYER, SUCCESSFUL ENTREPRENEUR AND IN HIS PART TIME HE WAS REPRESENTING MY DISTRICT IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. YOU KNOW HE WAS MORE QUALIFIED THAN A LOT OF PEOPLE. I'VE LIVED IN PLACES THAT HAVE FULL-TIME STATE

LEGISLATURE AND THERE'S A, I HAVE A QUESTION AN OPEN QUESTION ABOUT THAT. I THINK IT'S A VALID POINT TO SAY OH WE GOTTA PAY A LITTLE BIT MORE TO ATTRACT PEOPLE. AT THE SAME TIME, YOU LOOK AT PROVO CITY COUNCIL, YOU LOOK THROUGHOUT OUR COMMUNITY, PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITY ARE WILLING TO SERVE, NOT FOR THE MONEY. AND YOU GET PROFESSORS FROM OUR LOCAL UNIVERSITIES, YOU GET BUSINESS PEOPLE, YOU GET RETIRED INDIVIDUALS, YOU GET PEOPLE FROM ALL DIFFERENT WALKS OF LIFE THAT COME, AND THEY DO CONTRIBUTE AND THEY'RE DOING IT NOT FOR THE MONEY. WE ARE PAYING \$20,000 AND SO I THINK I WANTED TO BALANCE THAT ABOUT IN FACT I'VE HAD THAT QUESTION AS WE'VE HAD THIS DEBATE ABOUT FROM GOVERNMENT. HOW DO WE GET THE RIGHT CANDIDATES? AND TIME WILL BE THE, YOU KNOW WE'LL FIGURE THAT OUT OVERTIME BUT IT'S POSSIBLE THAT THE PEOPLE OCCUPYING THE SEATS THAT PAY THE LOWEST, ACTUALLY HAVE HIGHER CREDENTIALS AND MORE EXPERIENCE THAN THE PERSON WHO'S THE MAYOR AND IS GETTING PAID FULL TIME. BECAUSE THERE'S A CERTAIN PORTION OF OUR POPULATION THAT WANTS TO SERVE, CARES ABOUT OUR COMMUNITY, BUT THEY WOULD NEVER GIVE UP THEIR FULL-TIME RESPONSIBILITIES TO SERVE FULL TIME AS A MAYOR. BUT THEY MIGHT GIVE WHATEVER TIME COMMITMENT IS REQUIRED TO SIT ON THE CITY COUNCIL. AND WHEN A PERSON LIKE THAT COMES AND THEY'RE COMMITTED AND THEY DO THEIR HOMEWORK, THEY'RE HOLDING THE MAYOR ACCOUNTABLE AND THEY ARE RESPONSIVE TO THE CITIZENS AND I THINK OUR COMMUNITY IS BETTER OFF WITH THOSE VOICES AT THE TABLE. SO, THERE'S A LOT OF DISCUSSION TO BE HAD THERE ON COMPENSATION, BUT THAT'S SOME OF THE REASONING THAT WENT INTO IT.

COMMISSIONER IVIE - I THINK IT'S ALWAYS A GREAT QUESTION AND IN FOR ME THIS IS, ESPECIALLY WHEN WE LOOK AT THESE TYPES OF THINGS AND I LOOK BACK AT THE HISTORY OF OUR FOUNDING, THIS IS A PUBLIC SERVICE. IT SHOULDN'T BE A CAREER PATH. AND SO, TRYING TO FIND THE RIGHT COMPENSATION LEVELS TO ENSURE THAT IT STAYS AS A PUBLIC SERVICE, NOT AS A CAREER PATH, IS A CRITICAL COMPONENT. AND THAT'S WHERE WE'RE TRYING TO BE FROM MY PERSPECTIVE WHEN WE TALKED ABOUT THESE COMPENSATION NUMBERS, THAT WAS WHERE I WAS TRYING TO BE AT WITH THEM. WITH THAT IN MIND.

COMMISSIONER LEE - YOU KNOW SOMETIMES YOU WATCH A MOVIE AND THEN YOU CAN SEE IT REPLAY AGAIN AND A LOT OF TIMES WE JUST HAVE TO LOOK AT OTHER AREAS THAT WENT THROUGH THIS AND HAVE GONE THROUGH THIS AND YOU LOOK TO THE NORTH, YOU LOOK TO SALT LAKE COUNTY. THEY ADDED COMMISSION FORM THEY WENT TO A MAYOR / COUNCIL FORM AND TO COMPENSATE FOR THE I'LL SAY THE LACK OF TIME THAT IS NEEDED NECESSARY FOR INDIVIDUALS TO PUT INTO LEGISLATIVE ISSUES, THERE'S A HIRING THAT GOES ON IN THE WAY OF STAFF. AND THEY CONTROL THAT, THEY'LL CONTROL THE STAFF LEVELS. AND SO, WHAT HAPPENS IS THAT YOU HAVE FORM OF GOVERNMENT UP THERE NOW AND THEN, DON'T QUOTE ME ON THESE, BUT IT LOOKS LIKE IT'S THREE OR FOUR TIMES THE SIZE OF UTAH COUNTY ON A FINANCIAL BASIS. AND BECAUSE THEY HAVE STAFF MEMBERS AND STAFF MEMBERS ON TOP OF STAFF MEMBERS AND EVERYWHERE THERE AND WHAT HAPPENS IS THAT THEN THE REPRESENTATIVE, THEY WIND UP

RELYING ON AN UNELECTED OFFICIAL TO GIVE THEM ALL THE RESEARCH, TIME AND RESEARCH INTO ISSUES AND THEN THEY COME AND SAY WHAT'S GOING ON? WHAT DO YOU THINK? WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH THIS? AND THEN MAKE DECISIONS POSSIBLY WITH THAT. NOT SAYING THAT'S ALWAYS THE CASE, BUT I KNOW THEY DO A LOT OF WORK. I SAT NEXT TO ONE TODAY THAT DOES A LOT OF WORK ON THAT ISSUE. BUT THIS APPEARS LIKE A START IN THAT SAME DIRECTION. WE'VE SEEN THAT MOVIE. WE SEE WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE A LOT OF PEOPLE AS I'VE GONE AROUND YOU KNOW TRYING TO COLLECT SIGNATURES FOR THE FIVE-MEMBER COMMISSION, THEIR BIGGEST FEAR WAS THEY JUST DIDN'T WANT TO GROW AT ALL. THEY DIDN'T WANT TO GROW. THEY DIDN'T EVEN WANT TO GO FROM A THREE TO FIVE. THEY WERE HESITANT IN THAT REGARD AND THEY CAN SEE WHAT'S GOING UP THERE, THEY DIDN'T WANT TO BE LIKE SALT LAKE COUNTY. THEY WANT TO HOLD BACK FROM THAT, THEY WANT TO HAVE REPRESENTATION THEY CAN COME TO. IT'S NOT A PERFECT FORM THAT WE'RE IN. I'LL BE ONE OF THE ONES THAT ADMITS THAT. I MEAN WE HAVE OUR OWN DEFICIENCIES. WE STRUGGLE WITH ISSUES. WE STRUGGLE WITH HOW IT FUNCTIONS AND WORKS PARTISAN WISE TOO. WE'VE EVEN HAD DISCUSSIONS ABOUT THAT. WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF WE HAD YOU KNOW TWO OF ONE PARTY IN ONE OF ANOTHER PARTY HERE? AND THEN HOW WOULD THAT WORK BECAUSE WE'RE ALL OF THE SAME PARTY. SOMETIMES WE TAKE THINGS FOR GRANTED FRANKLY, THAT WE THINK WE'RE ALL THE SAME PARTY, THEREFORE THIS SHOULD HAPPEN. AND SO THAT CONVERSATION SOMETIMES MIGHT GET STYMIED BECAUSE OF THAT. SO, IT IS AN ISSUE. I MEAN THERE'S A LOT TO CONSIDER ON THIS AS WE MOVE FORWARD. IT'LL BE A DIALOGUE I'M SURE THROUGHOUT THIS WHOLE YEAR. THERE'LL BE CAMPAIGNS WRAPPED UP FOR IT. IT'LL BE ONE IN WHICH EVERYONE WILL BE ASKING THAT QUESTION, WHERE DO YOU STAND ON THIS ISSUE? WHERE ARE YOU AT? WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO DO? AND I'M GLAD THAT YOU'RE HERE. I'M GLAD THAT YOU'RE SHOWING UP AND ASKING QUESTIONS AND TRYING TO FIND OUT YOU KNOW WHERE YOU STAND WITH IT.

COMMISSIONER IVIE - I APPRECIATE YOU BEING HERE TOO. THE INTERESTING THING FOR ME ABOUT MOVIES IS IF YOU REPLACED RUSSELL CROWE WITH SAY TOM HANKS IN GLADIATOR, I THINK YOU'D GET A REALLY DIFFERENT MOVIE. AND THE ONE THING THAT'S SIGNIFICANTLY DIFFERENT ABOUT SALT LAKE COUNTY AND UTAH COUNTY IS THE DEMOGRAPHICS. SALT LAKE COUNTY IS A POPULACE THAT IS HEAVILY DEMOCRATIC. THE DEMOCRATS AND INDEPENDENTS WHO LEAN MORE LIBERAL FAR OUTWEIGH THE NUMBER OF REPUBLICANS IN THAT COUNTY. AND SO ACTUALLY THE FACT THAT THEIR GOVERNMENT IS MORE PROGRESSIVE IS ACTUALLY REFLECTIVE OF THEIR CITIZENRY NOT NECESSARILY REFLECTIVE OF THE FORM. AND SO IT'S IMPORTANT TO KEEP THOSE THINGS IN MIND, THAT THE ROLE OF REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT IS TO BE REFLECTIVE OF THE CITIZENRY AND THE REASON I'M CONFIDENT UTAH COUNTY ISN'T SALT LAKE COUNTY IS BECAUSE OF OUR DEMOGRAPHICS AND THE POLITICAL MINDSET OF THE PEOPLE.

COMMISSIONER AINGE - AND ONE COMMENT THAT I'LL MAKE ABOUT THIS, IS I MADE A STATEMENT EARLIER ON THAT I ACTUALLY THINK THE VERY BEST OUTCOME REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THIS PASSES OR NOT, THE BEST

OUTCOME WOULD BE IF AS A RESULT OF THIS BEING ON THE BALLOT THIS YEAR OUR RESIDENTS BECOME MORE INFORMED ABOUT WHAT THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT DOES AND MORE ENGAGED IN THE ELECTION PROCESS, BECAUSE I DO THINK ELECTING THE RIGHT PEOPLE IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN THE FORM OF GOVERNMENT.

COMMISSIONER IVIE – AMEN.

COMMISSIONER AINGE - BUT THE FORM OF GOVERNMENT STILL MATTERS, RIGHT? AND SO THIS IS PART OF THAT PROCESS. AND SO WHEN IT COMES TO THE COST, WE DID THIS ANALYSIS RIGHT NOW AND THE MAYOR / COUNCIL FORM AS STATED, IF VOTED IN, IS CHEAPER. SAVES MONEY. COMMISSIONER LEE MAKES THE POINT THOUGH WHICH IS A QUESTION THAT I ASKED AS WELL, IS WHAT IF YOU DO A HISTORICAL ANALYSIS OF OTHER COUNTIES THAT HAVE MADE THE CHANGE. WHAT DOES THAT COST INCREASE LOOK LIKE? AND THE TRUTH IS WE DON'T KNOW, RIGHT? THAT DEPENDS ON WHAT THE PEOPLE WANT, WHAT THE PEOPLE DEMAND. IF PART OF THE ELECTION PROCESS IS YES, OUR RESIDENTS VOTE TO CHANGE TO A MAYOR / COUNCIL, AND AS A RESULT OUR CITIZENS ARE ENGAGED AND THEY SAY HEY CANDIDATE WHO IS RUNNING FOR COUNTY COUNCIL, ARE YOU GOING TO VOTE TO INCREASE SALARIES? ARE YOU GOING TO ADD ADDITIONAL STAFF? RIGHT? AND THAT BECOMES PART OF THE ELECTION PROCESS, WE CAN MAINTAIN A RESTRAINED GOVERNMENT. SO, I DON'T THINK THAT IT NECESSARILY HAS TO GO THAT WAY. IT'S A REFLECTION OF THE CITIZENS, IT'S A REFLECTION OF THE PRIORITIES. I SUPPOSE THERE IS SOME RISK THERE, BUT THERE REALLY IS MORE OR THE SAME AT LEAST THE SAME LEVEL OF ACCOUNTABILITY. IT'S JUST RIGHT NOW THREE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS. WE COULD EXPAND GOVERNMENT; WE COULD ADD STAFFING LEVELS AND SO IT'S NOT NECESSARILY INHERENT IN THE FORM.

DENISE DE VYUCK – MAY I MAKE AN ADDITIONAL COMMENT?

COMMISSIONER AINGE – SURE, HERE'S HOW IT WILL DO IT. IS THERE ANY OTHER COMMENT? DOES ANYONE ELSE HAVE COMMENTED THEY'D LIKE TO MAKE?

BRIAN CHAPMAN - BRIAN CHAPMAN. I AM ONE OF THE PEOPLE THAT HAVE BEEN PUSHING THIS AND SO I OBVIOUSLY HAVE A VERY STRONG OPINION ON THE FACT THAT WE SHOULD GO THIS DIRECTION, THAT THIS IS A DESPERATELY NEEDED CHANGE. AND IT'S NOT A DESPERATELY NEEDED CHANGE BECAUSE OF WHO'S ON THE COMMISSION. IT'S NOT A DESPERATELY NEEDED CHANGE BECAUSE OF PERSONALITIES OR POLITICAL OPINIONS. BUT IT'S BECAUSE I STRONGLY BELIEVE THAT THERE IS A NEED. I DISAGREE WITH COMMISSIONER LEE WHEN HE SAYS THAT THERE IS NOT A SEPARATION OF POWERS, THAT IT GIVES TOO MUCH TO THE EXECUTIVE. I THINK THAT ONE OF THE BIGGEST THINGS THAT I WANT EVEN IS A COUNTY COUNCIL THAT IS MORE FOCUSED ON THE PEOPLE, CREATING THE DISTRICTS, GIVING THEM SO THAT THEY ARE PART TIME, SO THAT NORMAL PEOPLE, I'M SORRY NONE OF YOU ARE NORMAL IF YOU WANT TO RUN FOR A FULL-TIME ELECTED JOB, NORMAL PEOPLE CAN RUN AND DO SERVICE ON A PART TIME BASIS. WE SEE THAT IN

CITY COUNCILS, WE SEE THAT IN THE LEGISLATURE HERE IN THE STATE, WE SEE THAT IN OTHER AREAS EVEN THAT HAVE CHANGED THEIR FORM OF GOVERNMENT IN THE COUNTY LEVELS. THAT WE GET MORE DIVERSITY ON THESE COUNCILS AND COMMISSIONS. WE GET MORE DIVERSITY OF THOUGHT AND OPINION AND MORE DISCUSSION. IT DOESN'T TAKE TWO PEOPLE TO MAKE A DECISION. I'M CONCERNED WHEN THERE'S A TWO TO ONE VOTE IN A COMMISSION, BECAUSE WHETHER IT'S ON MY SIDE OR NOT, THAT MEANS ONE PERSON CONVINCED ONE OTHER PERSON. THEY DIDN'T HAVE TO CONVINCED TWO OR THREE OR FOUR PEOPLE. IN THIS SYSTEM AT LEAST FOUR PEOPLE WOULD HAVE TO AGREE. I THINK THAT'S BETTER THAN TWO PEOPLE. I FUNDAMENTALLY BELIEVE THAT THE MORE PEOPLE INVOLVED IN OUR GOVERNMENT, AT EVERY LEVEL, THE BETTER. EVEN WHEN I DISAGREE WITH THEM. I FUNDAMENTALLY BELIEVE THAT CREATING A COUNCIL THAT IS PART TIME, ALLOWS MORE PEOPLE TO BE INVOLVED. ALLOWS PEOPLE TO BE INVOLVED THAT WANT TO SERVE AND THEY DON'T ALWAYS WANT TO SERVE IN A FULL-TIME POSITION. I SEE PROVO AS A GREAT EXAMPLE OF THIS. THEY HAVE A FULL-TIME ELECTED MAYOR. THEY HAVE A DEPUTY MAYOR THAT REPORTS DIRECTLY TO THAT MAYOR. THE MAYOR IS IN CHARGE OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE SIDE. THE COUNCIL IS FULLY ENGAGED. THE COUNCIL MEMBERS THAT RETIRED THIS YEAR, THREE OF THEM HAD SERVED THREE TERMS EACH. THEY WERE TIRED, BUT THEY SERVED FOR 12 YEARS OR MORE. I THINK THAT'LL TIRE ANYBODY OUT. THEY HAVE STAFF, THEY ACTUALLY DO HAVE STAFF, THEY HAVE MORE STAFF THAN I THINK THEY NEED IN THE COUNTY, OR IN THEIR COUNCIL. BUT THOSE COUNCIL MEMBERS ARE OUT IN THE PUBLIC. THEY'RE ALL PART TIME, THEY GET PAID SIGNIFICANTLY LESS THAN EVEN THIS PROPOSAL. THEY ARE ALL OUT IN THE COMMUNITY. THEIR NEIGHBORS KNOW THEM. THEIR NEIGHBORS GRAB THEM IN THE STORES. THERE IN MACY'S OR THERE IN SMITHS OR WHEN WE USED TO HAVE ALLEN'S, THEY GRAB THEM AND SAY HEY, WHAT ABOUT THIS? I THINK THAT PART TIME NATURE, GETTING MORE PEOPLE OUT, DISTRICTS THAT THEY CAN KNOW, ALL OF YOU HAVE HAD TO RUN THESE COUNTY WIDE RACES, YOU HAVE NO ABILITY TO GET TO EVERYBODY IN THE COUNTY. IT IS DIFFICULT. THE ABILITY TO HAVE THAT, I BELIEVE THAT THIS COUNTY COUNCIL CAN HAVE A VERY STRONG SAY. WHEN YOU COMPARE IT TO SOME OF THE OTHER COUNTIES CACHE COUNTY DID THIS BACK IN THE 80S. I WOULD ARGUE THAT THEY WOULD SAY THAT THAT THAT CHANGE WAS EXTREMELY HELPFUL FOR THEIR COUNTY. THEY LOVE IT, AT LEAST THAT'S WHAT THEY ALWAYS TELL ME.

COMMISSIONER LEE - ELECTED MANAGER.

BRIAN CHAPMAN - IT'S NOT AN ELECTED MANAGER. IT'S AN ELECTED EXECUTIVE. BUT IT'S THE EXACT SAME POWER AS A MAYOR, IT'S JUST A DIFFERENT NAME. IT'S THE SAME FORM OF GOVERNMENT JUST A DIFFERENT NAME THEY CHOSE INSTEAD OF MAYOR TO BE EXECUTIVE, AND EXECUTIVE BUTTERS IS ...

COMMISSIONER LEE – THE POWERS AREN'T THE SAME THOUGH.

BRIAN CHAPMAN - WHAT WAS THAT?

COMMISSIONER LEE – THE POWERS AREN'T THE SAME.

BRIAN CHAPMAN - THEIR POWER IS THE SAME AS A MAYOR.

COMMISSIONER LEE – VETO?

BRIAN CHAPMAN – YUP.

COMMISSIONER LEE - I DON'T THINK SO.

COMMISSIONER AINGE - SO WERE YOU SUGGESTING THAT, I ACTUALLY DIDN'T KNOW THAT EITHER, IT'S NOT MANAGER / COUNCIL FORM? IT'S AN EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

BRIAN CHAPMAN – IT'S AN EXECUTIVE COUNCIL FORM OF GOVERNMENT.

COMMISSIONER AINGE - BUT YOU CAN NAME IT WHATEVER YOU WANT.

COMMISSIONER LEE – YEAH.

BRIAN CHAPMAN – YEAH.

COMMISSIONER IVIE -IT'S AN ELECTED POSITION.

BRIAN CHAPMAN - THAT'S AN ELECTED POSITION, IS NOT A MANAGER. THEY DO HAVE STAFF MEMBERS, BUT IT IS EXECUTIVE BUTTERS IS FOR ALL INTENTS AND PURPOSES A MAYOR, JUST WITH A DIFFERENT NAME.

COMMISSIONER AINGE - AND IF I RECALL, JUST DOING THE COMP STUDY THEY HAVE ACTUALLY RESTRAINED THEIR COUNCIL STAFF, IS ACTUALLY STILL, IT HAS NOT GROWN LIKE THE SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL.

BRIAN CHAPMAN - THAT'S CORRECT.

COMMISSIONER AINGE - BUT SALARY HAS.

BRIAN CHAPMAN - AND I DON'T REMEMBER OFF THE TOP OF MY HEAD HOW MANY OR WHAT, BUT SALT LAKE COUNTY HAS A SIGNIFICANTLY MORE AND I MEAN I WOULD ACTUALLY TELL YOU COMMISSIONER LEE THAT IS PROBABLY WAY MORE THAN THREE OR FOUR TIMES, IT'S PROBABLY SIX OR SEVEN TIMES THE COST. BUT IT'S BECAUSE SALT LAKE COUNTY FOR ONE DOES WAY MORE THAN UTAH COUNTY OR CACHE COUNTY OR SUMMIT COUNTY OR MANY OF THESE OTHER COUNTIES DO, AND IT IS LIKE YOU SAID COMMISSIONER, THAT THEY HAVE A DIFFERENT DEMOGRAPHIC. THEY HAVE A DIFFERENT DESIRE. THEY HAVE THINGS LIKE REC CENTERS AND THINGS LIKE THAT, THAT IN UTAH COUNTY, WE JUST DON'T WANT OUR COUNTY DOING. AND I DON'T BELIEVE THAT THAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN ANYTIME SOON THAT OUR POPULACE WILL EVER WANT THAT. SO, I WOULD, I AM EXCITED FOR THIS, I'M EXCITED TO GET OUT TO THE PUBLIC. I'VE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY OVER THIS LAST YEAR OR TWO TO TALK TO A LOT OF PEOPLE IN THE PUBLIC. I'M EXCITED FOR IT. I

THINK THAT THIS IS A NEEDED CHANGE, AND I WILL CLOSE MY COMMENTS UNLESS YOU HAVE QUESTIONS. THANK YOU.

COMMISSIONER AINGE - THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMMENTS. AS A REMINDER I KNOW A DIFFERENT PEOPLE PICK UP THIS PROCESS AT DIFFERENT POINTS IN TIME. JUST AS WE CLOSE UP HERE, I'LL SAY THE AGAIN, WE VOTED TO PLACE IT ON THE BALLOT, SO THE PEOPLE OF UTAH COUNTY HAVE A CHANCE TO VOTE FOR THIS. IF IT WERE TO PASS IN NOVEMBER OF 2020, IT WOULD THEN BE IMPLEMENTED IN THE 2022 ELECTIONS. SO, THERE'S A LONG TIME BETWEEN NOW AND NOVEMBER TO HAVE THIS DISCUSSION AND THIS DIALOGUE, AND THIS IS THE FIRST OF FOUR PUBLIC MEETINGS THAT WE'RE REQUIRED TO HAVE BY LAW. BUT AS EVERYONE HAS MENTIONED, I'M SURE THERE WILL BE MUCH MORE DIALOGUE THAN JUST THOSE MEETINGS AS WE GET RAMPED UP FOR THE ELECTION IN NOVEMBER.

DENISE DE VYUCK – MAY I MAKE ANOTHER COMMENT?

COMMISSIONER AINGE – YES. WE HAVE BEEN GOING AT AN HOUR, WE'VE GIVEN EVERYONE A CHANCE, WILL GIVE YOU A CHANCE TO COME BACK UP. IS THERE ANYONE ELSE WHO WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A PUBLIC COMMENT? OKAY, THEN WE'LL MAKE THIS AS A FINAL COMMENT, AND WE'LL TRY TO LIMIT THIS TO 3 MINUTES.

DENISE DE VYUCK – OKAY, QUICKLY, I WORKED AT THE SALT LAKE COUNTY COMMISSION OR SALT LAKE COUNTY MAYOR'S OFFICE AND THEIR CITY COUNCIL WAS IMPOSSIBLE TO GET TO IT SEEMED LIKE. I DEALT WITH LOTS OF LIAISONS OF THE MAYOR. ONE ISSUE WAS THE HOMELESS SITUATION, AND THEY HAD THIS COMMITTEE, AND THEY DIDN'T EVEN ASK THE PEOPLE WITH THE BOOTS ON THE GROUND HOW TO MAKE THIS HAPPEN. AND AS WE SEE IT'S A BIG FLOP. THEY DID NOT, IN THESE RESOURCE CENTERS, PROVIDE FOR THE AMOUNT OF POPULATION, 1300 ON A COLD NIGHT IN THE ROAD HOME SHELTER. AND SO, YOU SAW WHAT THE SALT LAKE CITY MAYOR HAD TO DO. BUT IT WAS THE SALT LAKE COUNTY MAYOR SPECIAL PROJECTS STAFF THAT I MET WITH EVENTUALLY, BUT IT TOOK ME FOREVER BECAUSE I COULDN'T GET IN WITH THE MAYOR. I COULDN'T GET IN WITH THE COUNCIL, I COULDN'T MEET WITH ANYONE ABOUT IT. THEIR COMMITTEE WHO WAS DECIDING ALL THIS, AND THE SCARIEST THING WAS, A LOT OF WEALTHY PROMINENT BUSINESS PEOPLE, THAT WE SEE ON COMMERCIALS AND GIVING MILLIONS AND EVERYTHING ELSE, WE'RE THE ONES WHO MADE THE MAIN DECISION ABOUT THE THINGS THAT WOULD HAPPEN TO THESE HOMELESS. AND THOSE OF US THAT WERE WORKING WITH THE HOMELESS, THAT KNEW WHAT THEY NEEDED INCLUDING MATT MINKEVITCH, THE DIRECTOR THAT I'VE WORKED WITH FOR 20 YEARS IN SALT LAKE CITY, WERE NOT CONSIDERED. IN FACT, THEY DIDN'T EVEN REALIZE THEY DID AN AUDIT AND THEY SAW HOW BAD THAT DILAPIDATED, VERY DANGEROUS, UNHEALTHY, CAN'T BELIEVE IT WAS OKAY TO RUN IT THAT WAY, PEOPLE WERE DYING IN THERE, IT WAS SO UNHEALTHY AND DISGUSTING THEY HAD TO HIRE THUGS, GUARDS, INSTEAD OF PEOPLE TO HELP THESE HOMELESS AND MOST OF THE POPULATION THAT I WORK WITH WERE DISABLED AND ELDERLY. AND WHAT'S HAPPENED IN CREATING THESE RESOURCE CENTERS THAT ARE ALL OVER THE PLACE, IMPOSSIBLE FOR THESE

HOMELESS PEOPLE TO GET TO. THEY ARE NOT EVEN ALLOWED TO HAVE PETS, THOUGH THEY WERE ALLOWED IN THE OTHER SHELTER. A LOT OF THINGS WEREN'T CONSIDERED. HOW ARE EACH POPULATION ADDRESSED? THE DISABLED, THE ELDERLY, THE MENTALLY ILL? THESE RESOURCE CENTERS SEPARATE THEM BY SEX, WOMEN GO HERE, MEN GO THERE. IT WAS SO POORLY THOUGHT THROUGH AND YET WE HAD NO ACCESS TO THAT SALT LAKE COUNTY MAYOR'S OFFICE AND WE STILL DON'T. I DEAL WITH THEM ON THE CHARGING STATIONS EV'S AND I GO TO THE YOU CARE MEETINGS, I DO ALL THESE THINGS WHICH I BROUGHT YOU GUYS SOME THINGS TO GIVE TO YOU AS AN EXAMPLE OF MAYBE WHAT WE COULD LOOK INTO, BUT IT JUST THE ACCESSIBILITY TO THESE PEOPLE IS NOT THERE. WE HAVE HAD WONDERFUL ACCESSIBILITY IN 40 YEARS TO THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS. AND THAT'S WHAT MY BIGGEST FEAR IS. IS THAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN WE CAN SEE IT HAPPENING WITH THE INLAND PORT. MY FRIEND IS ONE WHO'S RUNNING FOR COUNTY MAYOR, SO MAYBE HE CAN HAVE A LITTLE MORE SAY IN IT BECAUSE THEY'VE HAD NO ACCESS. WHY DO YOU THINK THEY PROTEST ON THE STREETS? THAT'S HOW THEY GOT SALT LAKE MAYOR, THE NEW ONE, MENDENHALL, TO GET SOMETHING OPENED BECAUSE THESE PEOPLE WERE DYING ON THE STREET FREEZING TO DEATH BECAUSE THERE WAS NOWHERE FOR THEM TO GO. IT WAS SUCH POOR PLANNING. WHILE THE INLAND PORT PEOPLE THEY DON'T HAVE ACCESS EITHER BECAUSE THAT BOARD THAT'S DECIDING EVERYTHING, WHO ELECTED THAT BOARD? NOBODY. SOMEBODY APPOINTED THAT BOARD. AND THEY HAVE A LOT OF INTERESTING CONFLICTS OF INTEREST IN MAKING DECISIONS FOR SALT LAKE WHICH HAS THE POOR AIR QUALITY AND EVERYTHING AND A REPORT JUST CAME OUT SHOWING BUT THEIR PLANS AREN'T VERY WELL THOUGHT THROUGH. OKAY, THAT'S THE DANGER OF A COUNTY MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL THAT I'VE EXPERIENCED IN THE LAST 20 YEARS WORKING WITH PEOPLE IN SALT LAKE. WE JUST DON'T HAVE THE ACCESS TO THEM. IT'S THE STAFF WE END UP TALKING WITH AND HERE WE SPEAK WITH YOU GUYS DIRECTLY. SO THAT'S JUST MY FEAR.

COMMISSIONER ANGE - THANK YOU FOR COMMENTS.

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