

MINUTES
WEBER COUNTY COMMISSION

Tuesday, May 22, 2018 - 10:00 a.m.
Commission Chambers, 2380 Washington Blvd., Ogden, Utah

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WEBER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS: James "Jim" H. Harvey, Kerry W. Gibson, and James Ebert.

OTHER STAFF PRESENT: Ricky D. Hatch, County Clerk/Auditor; Bryan Baron, Deputy County Attorney; and Fátima Ferneliuss, of the Clerk/Auditor's Office, who took minutes.

- A. WELCOME** – Chair Harvey
- B. MOMENT OF SILENCE**
- C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Scott Jenkins
- D. THOUGHT OF THE DAY** – Commissioner Ebert

E. CONSENT ITEMS:

- 1. Warrants #1434-1449 and #428289-428483 in the amount of \$1,998,420.14.
- 2. Purchase orders in the amount of \$82,539.43.
- 3. Minutes for the meeting held on May 15, 2018.
- 4. New business licenses.
- 5. Surplus a 2005 Polaris Ranger 6x6 from the Weber County Sheriff's Office Homeland Security.
- 6. Human Resources Policies (2-100, 2-300, 4-200).
- 7. Weber County Tax Review Committee recommendation to deny a second extension on Parcel #03-006-0040.

Commissioner Ebert moved to approve the consent items; Commissioner Gibson seconded.
Commissioner Ebert – aye; Commissioner Gibson – aye; Chair Harvey – aye

F. ACTION ITEMS:

- 1. **INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH MORGAN COUNTY TO HOUSE MORGAN COUNTY PRISONERS AND INMATES IN THE WEBER COUNTY JAIL.**

Steffani Ebert, with the County Sheriff's Office, presented this contract renewal. It includes cost updates that are consistent with the State contract rates.

Commissioner Gibson moved to approve the Interlocal Agreement with Morgan County to house Morgan County prisoners and inmates in the Weber County Jail; Commissioner Ebert seconded.
Commissioner Ebert – aye; Commissioner Gibson – aye; Chair Harvey – aye

- 2. **RESOLUTION APPOINTING 2 MEMBERS TO THE WEBER COUNTY CREATIVE ALLIANCE – RESOLUTION 18-2018.**

Jennifer Graham, of County Culture, Parks and Recreation, presented the Alliance's recommendations for two additional members, expanding this fairly new board to 7.

Commissioner Ebert moved to adopt Resolution 18-2018 appointing Janice Lopez and Todd Tzeng to the Weber County Creative Alliance with terms expiring 5/22/2022; Commissioner Gibson seconded.
Commissioner Ebert – aye; Commissioner Gibson – aye; Chair Harvey – aye

- 3. **APPROVAL OF REQUEST FROM RIDGE UTAH DEVELOPMENT TO REDUCE IMPACT FEES.**

Chad Meyerhoffer, of County Engineering, stated that according to the county's ordinance that allows this fee adjustment, the Ridge Utah Development requested reduction of the impact fees relating to the construction of a pool house, pool, and Jacuzzi in The Ridge Townhomes Phase 3 (on parcel number 22-344-0011), located at approximately 5300 East Moose Hollow Drive, Eden. Mr. Meyerhoffer felt comfortable with this reduction to the actual impact of the building for a total of \$809.38 rather than to the entire property. He responded to Commissioner Ebert's question stating that this item is only for the storm drains; there is no reduction for the roads.

Commissioner Gibson moved to approve the request from Ridge Utah Development to reduce impact fees; Commissioner Ebert seconded.
Commissioner Ebert – aye; Commissioner Gibson – aye; Chair Harvey – aye

4. CONTRACT WITH MATHEW SHECHTER FOR AN ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE FOR EMPLOYMENT APPEALS.

Sarah Swan, County Human Resources Director, stated that the county has been working on this item for a number of years. An RFP was issued in October for an administrative law judge (ALJ), which will hear appeals referred by the Career Service Council. The rate is \$125/hour (which normally is \$295/hour) and the ALJ will only be paid if a case is referred by the Council.

Commissioner Gibson moved to approve the contract with Mathew Shechter for an Administrative Law Judge for employment appeals. Commissioner Ebert seconded.

Commissioner Ebert – aye; Commissioner Gibson – aye; Chair Harvey – aye

G. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Judge Trent Nelson, employee of Roy City as the justice court judge, has been the judge for the Roy/Weber County Justice Court for about a year. He is the judge for Roy, unincorporated Weber County, West Haven and Hooper. There has been a long standing relationship with the county and he wished to give a state of the judiciary system. He outlined the various types of criminal cases that he presides over. Some of the challenges facing the court include the huge impact from the increased filings from all jurisdictions. In the past 5-6 years they had averaged close to 8,000 filings/year, and in the last year they have increased to 9,000/year, a historical jump. Court time has increased 32% and is quite a challenge to defendants, the parties, etc., and he has worked to spread out the court time so people do not have to wait so long and to improve customer service. Judge Nelson is working hard to help people improve. He is a strong advocate of people taking responsibility and being held accountable for their actions so that they do not perpetuate the negative impacts to families and communities. There has also been a huge turnover in the court staff. He noted that one court efficiency measurable is how long a case takes from the filing to when there is a disposition. When he started with the Roy court, the figures were around 70-74% of cases being disposed of within the recommended time. The goal set by the State Judiciary is 95% and they are now at 87% and continue to improve. He said that the county had petitioned to change its affiliation with Roy Justice Court and they are somewhat in limbo structurally in terms of hiring. Chair Harvey expressed appreciation for the state of the judiciary and requested that he continue to give reports. Judge Nelson plans to do so once a year.

H. ADJOURN

Commissioner Gibson moved to adjourn at 10:24 a.m.; Commissioner Ebert seconded.

Commissioner Ebert – aye; Commissioner Gibson – aye; Chair Harvey – aye

Attest:

James “Jim” H. Harvey, Chair
Weber County Commission

Ricky D. Hatch, CPA
Weber County Clerk/Auditor