

MINUTES
WEBER COUNTY COMMISSION

Tuesday, February 20, 2018 - 10:00 a.m.
Commission Chambers, 2380 Washington Blvd., Ogden, Utah

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

OTHER STAFF PRESENT: Lynn Taylor, of the County Clerk/Auditor's Office, Christopher Crockett, Deputy County Attorney, and Fátima Fernelius, of the Clerk/Auditor's Office, who took minutes.

- A. WELCOME** – Chair Harvey
- B. INVOCATION** – John Warren
- C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Michele Elliott
- D. THOUGHT OF THE DAY** – Commissioner Gibson
- E. PRESENTATIONS:**

1. PRESENTATION OF WEBER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AWARDS.

Weber County Sheriff Terry Thompson presented unit citations to Deputies Mike McDonald, Tyler Greenhalgh, Bowdie, Malan, Weston Voth, Kevin Logerquist, Jacob Wiese and Kyle Slater of the Marine Patrol Unit noting that working on the water presents many obstacles and unstable conditions. During the 2017 summer season they encountered several remarkable situations at Pineview and Causey Reservoirs and showed outstanding professionalism and dedication in every situation and there was no loss of life. Life Saving medals were presented to Deputies Bowdie Malan and Jacob Wiese for the great job in a harrowing experience in preventing an attempted suicide. Rob Tyler, of the County Shops, and Kyle Nyland, of the County Fleet, were presented with the Sheriff's Medal and Special Recognition of Excellent Service to the Sheriff's Office for their dedication and hard work in restoring the 1965 Ford Mustang (donated years ago by the Hall family for the students Drug Awareness Car) and it has been one of the greatest public relations tools at the Sheriff's Office. The Medal of Merit was presented to Detective Steve Haney for his diligence in tracking a criminal who created havoc in our county. He persistently tracked the criminal across state lines, who after being released from prison continued his criminal activities, and was again apprehended.

Lt. Brandon Toll gave a presentation on the search and recovery of a missing small plane and its two pilots at the bottom of the Great Salt Lake in Box Elder County. This operation included Weber County Search and Rescue, Box Elder County, State Parks, and volunteers, on a very remote, harsh and unforgiving location with fog, extreme cold temperatures, loss of motor boats, mechanical problems, etc. There was much pre-planning and the operation took two separate attempts. Due to the water's salinity, only one diver, Arthur Pluim, was able to make it down to the plane loaded with others' weights. He had to do everything by feeling his way in zero visibility and the aircraft was upside down. As Mr. Pluim was under the water he started developing hyperthermia and lose mobility but he pushed himself to complete the recovery of both pilots. It was later learned that he had a leak in his suit. The Sheriff's Medal was presented to Art Pluim and the Medal of Merit to each Search and Rescue member who assisted in this operation: Lt. Brandon Toll, Sgt. Mark Horton, Deputy Bowdie Malan, Dave Casperson, Rick Goodliffe, Don Olsen, Shaun Palm, David Phillips, Arthur Pluim, Howard Pluim, Dustin Robley, Kevin Tams, Sheri Trbovich, Buffi Tuttle, and Scott Willis. Sheriff Thompson referred to the great working relationship with Box Elder County and their great unit. He read a heartfelt letter to the Weber County Search and Rescue from one of the families of the recovered expressing their profound gratitude in this very difficult operation. Box Elder County Sheriff Kevin Potter expressed thanks to Weber County and gave out coins to the team—a military tradition given to membership in a unit when challenged. He thanked the volunteers stating that they do so at a great cost.

2. PRESENTATION OF THE DICIO GROUP CONTRACT UPDATE.

Sasha Clark, with the Dicio Group, noted that about a year ago the county issued a Request for Proposal for communication services. During that process the sentiment from the other companies was to only provide a plan for the dollar amount but not to execute it. She knew the county needed action, needed it quickly and needed a lot more than was in that RFP; Dicio was happy to provide all of it without additional cost. Her detailed presentation included the significant social growth since inception of the contract, the social comparisons with surrounding counties and other states, the Weber County branding package that Dicio has created, and the crisis communications during the Uintah Fire, which received State recognition. Chair Harvey expressed sincere appreciation to Dicio for going above and beyond in doing things not asked for in the RFP, for doing more than anticipated, for following through, being professional, dealing very well with the unexpected, being incredibly cost effective and helping with the county's transparency commitment.

F. CONSENT ITEMS:

1. Warrants #1346-1360 and #425659-425865 in the amount of \$1,551,571.24.
 2. Purchase orders in the amount of \$31,864.06.
 3. Minutes for the meeting held on February 13, 2018.
 4. Surplus 98 voter privacy booths from the Weber County Elections Department.
- Commissioner Ebert moved to approve the consent items; Commissioner Gibson seconded.
Commissioner Ebert – aye; Commissioner Gibson – aye; Chair Harvey – aye

G. ACTION ITEMS:

1. **REQUEST FROM WEBER COUNTY TAX REVIEW COMMITTEE (COMMITTEE) TO REFUND \$635.87 TO MICHAEL COLLINS, PARCEL #16-133-0006 DUE TO INCORRECT CALCULATION OF SQUARE FOOTAGE.**

Joe Olsen, of the County Assessor’s Office, on behalf of the Committee, said that incorrect square footage was identified in the 2017 Board of Equalization. Mr. Collins requested a refund for previous years and according to Judicial Code 78B-2-307 the Committee recommended refunding \$635.87 for 2013-2016.
Commissioner Gibson moved to approve the Weber County Tax Review Committee’s recommendation to refund \$635.87 to Michael Collins, Parcel #16-133-006 due to incorrect square footage calculation; Commissioner Ebert seconded.
Commissioner Ebert – aye; Commissioner Gibson – aye; Chair Harvey – aye

2. **RATIFY AN AMENDED CONTRACT WITH THOMPSON REUTERS/WESTLAW TO PROVIDE LEGAL RESEARCH SERVICES TO THE PUBLIC DEFENDERS.**

Christopher Crockett, Deputy County Attorney, presented a small amendment to the existing contract to add two licenses because of the addition of two new appellate attorneys. The increased monthly amount is \$176.
Commissioner Ebert moved to ratify the amended contract with Thompson Reuters/Westlaw to provide legal research services to the public defenders; Commissioner Gibson seconded.
Commissioner Ebert – aye; Commissioner Gibson – aye; Chair Harvey – aye

3. **AMENDED PUBLIC DEFENDER CONTRACTS WITH MICHAEL BOUWHUIS AND LOGAN BUSHELL.**

Christopher Crockett, Deputy County Attorney, presented this small amendment. Because of scheduling issues these two attorneys have agreed to make a change to one of their assignments.
Commissioner Gibson moved to approve the amended public defender contracts with Michael Bouwhuis and Logan Bushell; Commissioner Ebert seconded.
Commissioner Ebert – aye; Commissioner Gibson – aye; Chair Harvey – aye

4. **CONTRACT WITH THE UTAH STATE CUTTER AND CHARIOT ASSOCIATION TO HOLD THE 2018 UTAH STATE CHARIOT CHAMPIONSHIPS AT THE GOLDEN SPIKE EVENT CENTER (GSEC).**

Duncan Olsen, with the GSEC, presented this contract.
Commissioner Gibson moved to approve the contract with the Utah State Cutter and Chariot Association for the 2018 Championships at the Golden Spike Event Center; Commissioner Ebert seconded.
Commissioner Ebert – aye; Commissioner Gibson – aye; Chair Harvey – aye

H. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Lori Brinkerhoffer, of Hooper City, congratulated the Commission and the county departments for attending the legislature session and for doing a great job for the county. She said that Sheriff Thompson will be greatly missed and his department has had a huge impact by being proactive. She thanked Sasha Clark/Dicio Group for the extraordinary job they are doing.

I. ADJOURN

Commissioner Ebert moved to adjourn at 11:29 a.m.; Commissioner Gibson seconded.
Commissioner Ebert – aye; Commissioner Gibson – aye; Chair Harvey – aye

Attest:

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

Ricky D. Hatch, CPA
Weber County Clerk/Auditor