

**MINUTES
OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF WEBER COUNTY**

Tuesday, November 1, 2016 - 10:00 a.m.
Commission Chambers, 2380 Washington Blvd., Ogden, Utah

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COMMISSIONERS: James Ebert and Kerry W. Gibson. Matthew G Bell was excused.

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

- A. **WELCOME** – Commissioner Ebert
- B. **INVOCATION** – Ryan Judkins
- C. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Jim Harvey
- D. **THOUGHT OF THE DAY** – Commissioner Gibson

E. PRESENTATIONS:

1. **PRESENTATION OF SEAL OF SERVICE AWARD TO KERA ATMORE**

Commissioner Gibson read the nomination submitted by one of Ms. Atmore's co-workers regarding her excellent customer service. The commissioners expressed thanks to Ms. Atmore.

2. **PRESENTATION OF THE QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Scott Parke, County Comptroller, reported on the quarter ended 9/30/2016 stating that in total the expenses and revenues are where expected. All county departments are within their approved budgets and on track to end the year at or below the budgeted expenditures. The details of all the transactions can be found at transparent.utah.gov.

F. CONSENT ITEMS:

- 1. Ratify warrants #410263-#410492 in the amount of \$2,077,304.80 for October 25, 2016
- 2. Warrants #410493-#410830 in the amount of \$2,167,066.86
- 3. Purchase orders in the amount of \$220,552.95
- 4. Minutes for the meeting held on October 18, 2016
- 5. ~~New business licenses~~
- 6. Surplus a mower and a utility trailer from the Weber County Parks and Recreation Department

Commissioner Gibson moved to approve the consent items, less item F.5; Commissioner Ebert seconded. Commissioner Gibson – aye; Commissioner Ebert – aye

G. ACTION ITEMS:

1. **AMENDMENT TO ASSESSMENT ORDINANCE 2013-21 (SUMMIT MOUNTAIN ASSESSMENT AREA) AND RELATED MATTERS – ORDINANCE 2016-16**

Blake Wade, of Ballard Spahr, county bond counsel, noted that several years ago the county adopted an ordinance for the Summit Mountain Assessment Area and assessments were levied against the property. The ordinance provided that as the property was subdivided for development that the county would amend it. The county has adopted a new plat for the area and the assessment list for Zone 1 aligns the assessments with the new plat. Summit is in agreement with this amendment.

Commissioner Gibson moved to adopt Ordinance 2016-16, fourth amendment to the Assessment Ordinance 2013-21 (Summit Mountain Assessment Area) and related matters; Commissioner Ebert seconded.

Commissioner Gibson – aye; Commissioner Ebert – aye

2. **CONTRACT WITH J&R RENTAL FOR THE STORAGE OF THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE EQUIPMENT**

Sean Wilkinson, County Community and Economic Development Director, presented this contract renewal for one year at the same price of \$67,599.96. After the year, the lease will be month-to-month for six months.

Commissioner Gibson moved to approve the contract with J&R Rental for the storage of the Sheriff's Office equipment; Commissioner Ebert seconded.

Commissioner Gibson – aye; Commissioner Ebert – aye

3. FINAL APPROVAL OF EDGEWATER BEACH RESORT SUBDIVISION PHASE 2 PRUD, CONSISTING OF 20 LOTS, INCLUDING A SUBDIVISION IMPROVEMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE FINANCIAL GUARANTEE

Rick Grover, County Planning Director, stated that this development consists of a mixture of single and multi-family units. The developer has entered into a Subdivision Improvement Agreement with a financial guarantee.

Commissioner Gibson moved to grant final approval of Edgewater Beach Resort Subdivision Phase 2 PRUD, consisting of 20 lots, including a Subdivision Improvement Agreement and a financial guarantee; Commissioner Ebert seconded.

Commissioner Gibson – aye; Commissioner Ebert – aye

4. APPROVE THE WEBER COUNTY 2017 TENTATIVE BUDGET

Scott Parke, County Comptroller, stated that the county proposed a property tax increase in August 2016 of \$1.62 million (25%) to help increase compensation for law enforcement and other county employees and to increase the county's ability to fund critical infrastructure and capital projects. During the public hearing the commissioners committed to look for ways to reduce that tax increase. As part of that effort, the county has significantly altered its employee compensation package with the goal of saving the county taxpayers nearly \$27 million over the next 25 years with savings starting to be realized in about year seven. The changes include capping the county's contribution to employee health insurance at \$350/month/individual and \$1,000/month/family, phasing out the five years of health insurance offered to retiring employees, capping sick leave accruals and combining sick and vacation into a single paid time-off category. Proposed pay increases for sworn officers and most support staff in the Sheriff's Office to bring them up to market value has an average increase of about 13.3%. Other county employees will receive market adjustments of 2%, 7% or 10% depending on how far below market their positions are. These adjustments will bring other employees closer to competitive market wages but many will still be below market rate. These changes along with other cost cutting efforts have allowed the county to reduce the proposed tax increase from 25% to 22%, saving taxpayers about \$800,000/year. The tentative budget is available on the county's website and a public hearing on the tentative budget is scheduled for 11/29/2016.

Commissioner Gibson applauded the work done by staff and others and stated that the commissioners used the constructive public comments as they worked to reduce the tax increase. Every position was reviewed on its own rather than by blanket review. Commissioner Ebert noted that there were spirited debates and a lot of give and take and said that the Commission is committed to reach a final budget that pushes the county forward. He added that this is only one small part of the county's plan to move forward. One focus is to drive economic development and bring new growth to our community—new money alleviates the tax burden on taxpayers.

Commissioner Gibson moved to approve the 2017 Tentative Budget; Commissioner Ebert seconded.

Commissioner Gibson – aye; Commissioner Ebert – aye

H. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

I. CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS THE PURCHASE, EXCHANGE, OR LEASE OF REAL PROPERTY

Commissioner Gibson moved to convene a closed executive session to discuss the purchase, exchange, or lease of real property; Commissioner Ebert seconded.

Commissioner Gibson – aye; Commissioner Ebert – aye

There was no action on the closed executive session.

J. ADJOURN

Commissioner Gibson moved to adjourn at 10:49 a.m.; Commissioner Ebert seconded.

Commissioner Gibson – aye; Commissioner Ebert – aye

Attest:

James Ebert, Vice Chair
Weber County Commission

Ricky D. Hatch, CPA
Weber County Clerk/Auditor

