

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

Tuesday, December 20, 2016 - 10:00 a.m.

Commission Chambers, 2380 Washington Blvd., Ogden, Utah

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WEBER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS: Matthew G Bell; Kerry W. Gibson; and James Ebert

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

A. WELCOME – Chair Bell

B. INVOCATION – Dave Mallinak

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Holin Wilbanks

D. THOUGHT OF THE DAY – Commissioner Gibson

E. PRESENTATION OF THE SEAL OF SERVICE AWARD TO RAYNE OLSEN FOR EXEMPLARY CUSTOMER SERVICE FOR HER WORK IN THE WEBER COUNTY BUILDING MAINTENANCE DIVISION

Chair Bell read the submitted nomination that spoke particularly about how Ms. Olsen has beautified the front of the Weber Center building that was quite run down. Sean Wilkinson, County Community and Economic Development Director, spoke of Ms. Olsen's exemplary work. He saw Ms. Olsen today, on a crisp December morning, sweeping at the front of the building. Commissioner Ebert commented on the amazing difference Ms. Olsen has made to the front of the building. He said that Ms. Olsen is always in a good mood and stops to talk with people and that she promotes relationships. The commissioners presented her with a plaque, a Seal of Service pin and \$100 for her excellent customer service.

F. CONSENT ITEMS:

1. Warrants #412144- #412347 in the amount of \$3,378,843.43
 2. Purchase orders in the amount of \$83,865.12
 3. Minutes for the meetings held on November 29, 2016 and December 13, 2016
 4. Request by Weber County Tax Review Committee to approve property tax refunds for the following:
 - Keith and Angie Stuart, parcel number 07-349-0008, refund amount of \$727.43
 - Edmund and Mary Hawley, parcel number 11-092-0022, refund amount of \$1,130.20
 5. Surplus Mule Carts from the Weber County Parks and Recreation Department
 6. Add possible Community Block Grant projects to Weber County's Capital Improvements for 2017-2021
 7. Change Order No. 9 with Wardell Brothers on the Skyline Drive project
 8. Refund property tax for \$7,014.91 as post-judgment settlement of a District Court appeal filed by Taylor Family Trust
- Commissioner Gibson moved to approve the consent items; Commissioner Ebert seconded.
Commissioner Gibson – aye; Commissioner Ebert – aye; Chair Bell – aye

G. ACTION ITEMS:

1. INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH OGDEN CITY FOR COMPLETION OF LANDFILL CLOSURE PLAN

Sean Wilkinson, County Community and Economic Development Director, presented this agreement for the former landfill site off of "A" Avenue. As part of this agreement the county will be helping to install a new trail system and other improvements on the site to be renamed Observatory Park.

Commissioner Ebert moved to approve the Interlocal Agreement with Ogden City for completion of the Landfill Closure Plan; Commissioner Gibson seconded.

Commissioner Gibson – aye; Commissioner Ebert – aye; Chair Bell – aye

2. CONTRACT WITH GAGE FROERER & ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR PROFESSIONAL REAL ESTATE SERVICES

Sean Wilkinson, County Community and Economic Development Director, said that recently the county issued an RFP for these services and four bids were received. Gage Froerer & Associates was the winning bid. The contract is for three years with an additional renewal of two 1-year terms and Century 21/Gage Froerer & Associates will provide any real estate services (buying/selling/listing properties) needed by the county.

Commissioner Gibson noted that one such need that precipitated this item is the parcel that the county purchased to help the State with its Juvenile Detention Center next to the Sheriff's Complex. The lobbying effort to get the building funded took a long time, which he said would not have occurred without the county showing leadership to purchase that property. In that purchase the county ended up with extra property frontage that needs to be sold.

Commissioner Gibson moved to approve the contract with Gage Froerer & Associates, Inc. for professional real estate services; Commissioner Ebert seconded.

Commissioner Gibson – aye; Commissioner Ebert – aye; Chair Bell – aye

3. FIRST READING OF A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WEBER COUNTY MAKING AN APPOINTMENT TO THE BOARD OF WEBER HUMAN SERVICES – RESOLUTION 39-2016

Chair Bell noted that our county partners with Morgan County on this item. The county will forward the name of Robert Hunter to Morgan, which will then send it back for final approval.

Commissioner Ebert moved to adopt Resolution 39-2016 reappointing Robert Hunter to the Board of Weber Human Services, subject to approval by the Morgan County Council, from 1/1/2017-12/31/2019; Commissioner Gibson seconded.

Commissioner Gibson – aye; Commissioner Ebert – aye; Chair Bell – aye

4. INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE WEBER AREA DISPATCH 911 AND EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT FOR THE PROVISION OF CERTAIN ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Commissioner Ebert noted that the county provides services to this District (i.e., payroll, accounting). Commissioner Gibson pointed out that these interlocal agreements are common with districts.

Commissioner Gibson moved to approve the Interlocal Agreement with the Weber Area Dispatch 911 and Emergency Services District for provision of certain administrative services; Commissioner Ebert seconded.

Commissioner Gibson – aye; Commissioner Ebert – aye; Chair Bell – aye

5. AGREEMENT WITH THE WEBER AREA DISPATCH 911 AND EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT TO PROVIDE SHORT TERM FUNDING TO THE DISTRICT

John Bond, County Treasurer, stated that this item is for the Commission to decide if they wish to put the Treasurer in a position to assist this Board with its short term financial needs due to the purchase of the Spillman program to run its operation. He believes that the program was purchased along with the maintenance and that amount drew down from their savings account tremendously that they now need to borrow money. He said that the two alternatives are for the Board to go out on the market for a Tax Anticipation Note or for the county to lend money during the year if their fund balance becomes insufficient. There had been lack of communication with the county but this has improved over the last two months. Their funds are co-mingled with the county, which has lent them about \$800,000, and this created a challenge for the Treasurer's Office with county cash flow. Also for the Commission's consideration is whether to charge the District interest. The Public Treasurer's Investment Fund currently is earning about 1.1% and he recommends adding 1% to whatever the rate is. If the Board had gone to market for the \$4 million to purchase the program their interest rate could have been 3.5%.

Chair Bell noted that their Administrative Services Control Board controls day-to-day operations and passes a budget but has no mechanism to borrow money. Commissioner Ebert said that several years ago there was a decision to change the record management system (the other system was coming to a life end) and the annual operating cost was becoming expensive. Some of the fund balance, if not the majority, was used to purchase the Spillman product, which greatly reduced their fund balance and dipped into the operating expenditure. There is expensive annual service cost to operate that system but to repay it resulted in a significant discount. He said that there has been a shortfall over the last month or so, which precipitated their request for the county's help. Commissioner Gibson asked what put the county in this position and if this has occurred in the past with this entity and Mr. Bond responded that this is the first time. Commissioner Gibson reiterated the need to figure out how to proceed with this entity in the future to avoid this type of situation where the Treasurer is caught off guard trying to manage cash flows, particularly at the end of the year, and by a large amount of about \$800,000-\$1.2 million. He appreciates that a better communication strategy is being put in place.

Commissioner Gibson moved to approve the agreement with the Weber Area Dispatch 911 and Emergency Services District to provide short term funding to the District; Commissioner Ebert seconded. Commissioner Gibson – aye; Commissioner Ebert – aye; Chair Bell – aye

This was Commissioner Bell’s last Commission meeting and he gave some highlights of his term, including that libraries were built, which voters voted for, and millions of dollars were saved, roads were built, as well as tunnels under roads, bridges over roads for pathways, there is a much better contract for the 911 facility, and pay issues, particularly for the Sheriff’s Office have been addressed. He was involved with justice reform. He has loved serving. Commissioner Gibson said that it has been a pleasure to work with Commissioner Bell and that he appreciates his dedication and sacrifice on behalf of the county. Commissioner Ebert expressed thanks to Commissioner Bell, stating that he knows where his heart is, which is in the best interest of the county’s citizens and that he has a very passionate heart for doing the right thing. Commissioner Bell’s family has a very successful business and he left it for public service.

H. ADJOURN

Commissioner Ebert moved to adjourn at 11:02 a.m.; Commissioner Gibson seconded. Commissioner Gibson – aye; Commissioner Ebert – aye; Chair Bell – aye

Attest:

James Ebert, Chair
Weber County Commission

Ricky D. Hatch, CPA
Weber County Clerk/Auditor