

MINUTES
WEBER COUNTY COMMISSION

Tuesday, April 16, 2019 - 10:00 a.m.
Commission Chambers, 2380 Washington Blvd., Ogden, Utah

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WEBER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS: Scott K. Jenkins, James "Jim" H. Harvey, and Gage Froerer.

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

A. WELCOME – Chair Jenkins

B. INVOCATION – Caleb Rivera

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Commissioner Froerer

D. THOUGHT OF THE DAY – Chair Jenkins

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS: Travis Campbell, from Congressman Rob Bishop's Office, gave an overview of some projects that the Congressman is working on, including a recent big win by the passing of a public lands package that affected Utah. As a senior member of the Armed Forces Committee, he is working hard to ensure that Hill Air Force Base remains a viable part of the country's defense.

F. PRESENTATIONS:

1. PRESENTATION OF THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT THEME "CONNECTING THE UNCONNECTED."

Commissioner Froerer stated that this is a National Associations of Counties program and that, to no surprise, Weber County is already leading the charge on exploring ways that counties can connect residents to services to build safe, healthy and vibrant communities, thus continuing the county's goals to serve the underserved, to forge self-sufficiency, foster economic opportunity, etc.

2. CRYSTAL BOWL AWARD PRESENTATIONS: BEN LOMOND ANIMAL CLINIC, REED RICHARDS.

Commissioner Harvey stated that the county presents these awards to outstanding organizations and outstanding individuals whose examples of service resonate in our community. This year's business recipient is the caring and unassuming Animal Clinic that has been in operation since the 1960s. They could not be present because they were serving customers. The individual recipient, Reed Richards, helped establish the Children's Justice Center in Weber County and others throughout Utah, worked with the Legislature to adopt over 150 changes to criminal law, established and found funding for victims programs, implemented crime prevention programs on child abuse, domestic violence, gang, drug abuse, senior fraud/abuse, helped create the RAMP steering committee, etc. He and his wife, Martha, quietly serve their fellowmen. Commissioners Froerer and Jenkins appreciated working with Mr. Richards at the legislature. The commissioners presented the Richards' with a crystal bowl. They said that their heart has always been in our county and that they love living and working here.

3. STATE OF THE COUNTY.

Chair Jenkins was the commentator for a recent flyover video of the Weber River showing some projects on which the county spent about \$11 million preparing it for springs' high runoffs. Recent spring storms have rivers running dangerously high in northern Utah. Other highlights included that the Commission ended the elected officials cash payouts, great accomplishments were achieved through some hard work on the budget and the county is very strong financially, the commissioners started a productive public weekly work meeting, and construction started on a new building at the Field Archery Range paid in part with grants. Previous commissioners had bonded for library expansions and remodels and the main library received an award as an outstanding remodel, and the projects came in under budget. The Weber Human Services and Weber-Morgan Health Department joined forces to create the Center of Excellence to assist service providers to serve the underserved at a higher level. The Legislature provided \$300,000 last year for a joint economic development venture between Davis and Weber Counties and Commissioner Froerer is successfully moving this forward. Commissioners Froerer and Jenkins were part of big wins at the Legislature this year, the county is preparing to provide garbage service and constituents should save about half of their current costs. There are plans to put in a new Weber Center parking structure and possibly develop above it. Spike 150, the Sesquicentennial of the completion (in 5/10/1869) of the Transcontinental Railroad celebration will bring about 250,000 people downtown, Western Weber County residents petitioned the State to create a new city, real estate values are the highest ever, and there is high morale in the county and great working relationships between the commissioners. The county is well on its way to solving the Municipal Services Fund.

G. CONSENT ITEMS:

1. Warrants #1754-1764 and #438316-438567 for \$2,259,097.65.
2. Purchase orders for \$114,613.43.
3. Minutes for the meeting held on April 9, 2019.
4. RAMP grant funds contracts: Imagine Ballet-2019 Season; Nurture the Creative Mind-Ogden Art Festival; Nurture the Creative Mind-Street Pianos.

Commissioner Froerer moved to approve the consent items; Commissioner Harvey seconded.
Commissioner Harvey – aye; Commissioner Froerer – aye; Chair Jenkins – aye

H. ACTION ITEMS:

1. **CONTRACT WITH THE MASTER’S TOUCH, LLC FOR PRINTING/MAILING/EMAILING VALUATION & TAX NOTICES.**

John Bond, County Treasurer, gave some history of these notices and their associated costs, which included that at one time perforated tax notices cost 63 cents each to print and then the county moved to the current notice at 19 cents each. Under this contract, it will cost 7.2 cents each to print. The county has worked to reduce printing costs, which used to cost \$47,000 and under this contract will cost \$11,000. The county also continues to work on better ways to communicate with the public—the notices were improved and electronic notices will now be available. Ricky Hatch, County Clerk/Auditor, noted that the notice drafts appear to be clearer documents, and that once 10% electronic participation is reached, significant annual savings will result. Commissioner Froerer concurred that the new form is very transparent and should help better show where the tax dollars go.

Commissioner Harvey moved to approve the contract with The Master’s Touch, LLC, for printing, mailing and emailing valuation notices and tax notices; Commissioner Froerer seconded.
Commissioner Harvey – aye; Commissioner Froerer – aye; Chair Jenkins – aye

2. **LOCAL TRANSPORTATION FUNDING AGREEMENT WITH PLAIN CITY FOR THE 1975 NORTH PROJECT.**

Brooke Stewart, with County Community Development, noted that these next four items are part of the 2018 priority list recommended and approved by WACOG and the Commission in November, with funds programmed for calendar year 2021. This project is to improve/widen about .01 miles of this road with \$35,650 from corridor preservation funds and \$162,468 from sales tax funds.

Commissioner Harvey moved to approve the Local Transportation Funding Agreement with Plain City for the 1975 North project; Commissioner Froerer seconded.
Commissioner Harvey – aye; Commissioner Froerer – aye; Chair Jenkins – aye

3. **LOCAL TRANSPORTATION FUNDING AGREEMENT WITH PLEASANT VIEW CITY FOR RULON WHITE BLVD. PROJECT.**

Brooke Stewart, with County Community Development, stated that this is to extend Rulon White about .35 miles north with \$119,481 coming from corridor preservation funds and \$4,635,642 from sales tax funds. The City is contributing close to \$1.2 million.

Commissioner Froerer moved to approve the Local Transportation Funding Agreement with Pleasant View City for the Rulon White Blvd. Project; Commissioner Harvey seconded.
Commissioner Harvey – aye; Commissioner Froerer – aye; Chair Jenkins – aye

4. **LOCAL TRANSPORTATION FUNDING AGREEMENT WITH PLEASANT VIEW CITY FOR SKYLINE DRIVE PROJECT.**

Brooke Stewart, with County Community Development, stated that due to the grade an extensive amount of excavating is needed from 500 W. to Highway 89. Compiling grading plans for the contractors to mine and haul the needed materials and use them for road construction projects would substantially reduce costs. The City applied for the recommended \$250,000 (from sales tax funds) for these plans to go out to bid.

Commissioner Harvey moved to approve the Local Transportation Funding Agreement with Pleasant View City for Skyline Drive Project; Commissioner Froerer seconded.
Commissioner Harvey – aye; Commissioner Froerer – aye; Chair Jenkins – aye

5. LOCAL TRANSPORTATION FUNDING AGREEMENT WITH HOOPER CITY FOR 5500 WEST PROJECT.

Brooke Stewart, with County Community Development, stated that this project is to widen .83 miles of roadway from 4200 S. to 3550 S. The agreement is for \$344,416 coming from corridor preservation funds and \$3,331,449 from sales tax funds. The City is contributing \$200,000 in local matching funds.

Commissioner Froerer moved to approve the Local Transportation Funding Agreement with Hooper City for the 5500 West project; Commissioner Harvey seconded.

Commissioner Harvey – aye; Commissioner Froerer – aye; Chair Jenkins – aye

6. CONTRACT WITH WCEC ENGINEERS FOR THE DESIGN OF NORTH OGDEN DIVIDE REHABILITATION.

Braden Felix, of County Engineering, noted that the county received the assessment on the Divide last fall regarding the needed safety improvements. The next step is to obtain the design. WCEC was selected through the procurement process. The contract is for \$79,000 and the project should be finished by late June.

Commissioner Froerer moved to approve the contract with WCEC Engineers for the design of North Ogden Divide rehabilitation; Commissioner Harvey seconded.

Commissioner Harvey – aye; Commissioner Froerer – aye; Chair Jenkins – aye

7. CONTRACT WITH FORT BUENAVENTURA MOUNTAIN MEN FOR THE EASTER RENDEZVOUS.

Todd Ferrario, County Ice Sheet and Parks & Recreation Division Director, noted that the procurement process two years ago for a new partner in the Rendezvous has resulted in a phenomenal turnaround. The contractor will provide event organization, supplies, etc.

Commissioner Harvey moved to approve the contract with Fort Buenaventura Mountain Men for the Easter Rendezvous; Commissioner Froerer seconded.

Commissioner Harvey – aye; Commissioner Froerer – aye; Chair Jenkins – aye

8. FIRST READING FOR AN ORDINANCE GOVERNING THE USE OF BILATERAL CONTRACTS.

Devron Andersen, of the County Recorder/Surveyor's Office, noted that this year the county implemented a right-of-way program, and in conjunction with the County Attorney's Office, they have created some form documents so that they do not need to bring all the contracts before the Commission. Mr. Andersen addressed Commissioner Froerer's question stating that currently any type of real estate transactions are required to be bilateral contracts, unless listed as an exception, and occasionally Quit Claim deeds are acquired for right-of-ways that require easements to cross private property to maintain monuments. The property owners can simply quit claim them to the county without having to enter into a contract.

Commissioner Froerer moved to approve the first reading for an ordinance governing the use of bilateral contracts; Commissioner Harvey seconded.

Commissioner Harvey – aye; Commissioner Froerer – aye; Chair Jenkins – aye

I. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS: Commissioner Froerer referred to the State of the County address noting that the county has been dealing very positively with issues. He and Commissioner Harvey appreciate Chair Jenkins' leadership.

J. ADJOURN

Commissioner Harvey moved to adjourn at 11:48 a.m.; Commissioner Froerer seconded.

Commissioner Harvey – aye; Commissioner Froerer – aye; Chair Jenkins – aye

Attest:

Scott K. Jenkins, Chair
Weber County Commission

Ricky D. Hatch, CPA
Weber County Clerk/Auditor