

MINUTES
WEBER COUNTY COMMISSION

Tuesday, May 12, 2020 - 10:00 a.m.

Via Zoom Meeting + at the Weber Center, 2380 Washington Blvd., Ogden, UT

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

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

- A. **WELCOME** - Chair Froerer
- B. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** - Bryce Taylor
- C. **INVOCATION** - Commissioner Jenkins
- D. **THOUGHT OF THE DAY** - Commissioner Harvey
- E. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.

F. CONSENT ITEMS:

- 1. Warrants #2712-2731 and #449353-449478 in the amount of \$1,474,926.18
- 2. Purchase orders in the amount \$123,633.47
- 3. Minutes for the meeting held on May 5, 2020
- 4. ACH payment to US Bank in the amount of \$150,237.07
- 5. Retirement Agreements with the following: Kathlene Lawr; David Miller

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

G. ACTION ITEMS:

- 1. **RATIFY CONTRACT WITH UTAH QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION FOR GOLDEN SPIKE FUTURITY TRIALS/CHALLENGE RACES**

Duncan Olsen, GSEC General Manager, presented the contract stating that this race is normally held in Washington but could not be held there. The Utah Association and State Racing Commission approached Weber County, which has the right infrastructure and has been fastidiously taking the necessary COVID-19 precautions, thus had the ability to do something so unusual. The commissioners gave staff great accolades. Commissioner Harvey thanked the County Surveyor's Office for helping to make this possible by certifying the distances. The AQHA had told him we had the most accurate distances of any U.S. track.

Commissioner Jenkins moved to ratify a contract with Utah Quarter Horse Association for Golden Spike Futurity Trials/Challenge Races; Commissioner Harvey seconded.
Commissioner Harvey – aye; Commissioner Jenkins – aye; Chair Froerer – aye

- 2. **CONTRACT WITH ROCKY MOUNTAIN POWER TO INSTALL A NEW INCREASED SIZE TRANSFORMER TO UPPER VALLEY RADIO TOWER**

Bryce Taylor, with County Operations, stated that Rocky Mountain Power is upgrading the transformer to accommodate the multiple services that the county is adding to that Ogden Valley radio tower. The commissioners noted that without this critical infrastructure for the Valley a number of services could not be provided, including law enforcement's needs.

Commissioner Jenkins moved to approve the contract with Rocky Mountain Power to install a new increased size transformer to the Upper Valley radio tower; Commissioner Harvey seconded.
Commissioner Harvey – aye; Commissioner Jenkins – aye; Chair Froerer – aye

- 3. **CONTRACT WITH E.K. BAILEY FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A STORAGE/TRAINING WAREHOUSE FOR SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

County Sheriff Ryan Arbon stated that there has been a plan for sometime to have a needed warehouse for the Sheriff's Office. There have been multiple facilities overtime that the county has paid for storage. Currently the county pays about \$6,000/month to house emergency equipment and there is an old facility where hundreds of thousands of dollars in equipment is stored outside. A training facility that had been dedicated for some storage and training for law enforcement was subsequently turned into the CSI facility. This project was bid out for the 33,000 square feet warehouse and includes storage space for the Jail, Emergency Management, and law enforcement. It also has a training facility, which will save quite a bit of money. The total cost is \$1.8 million and this is broken into two phases. The cost of the first phase at completion is \$1.157 million and the county is not contracted for the second phase—at completion of phase 1, and if the opportunity is there, they would like to take advantage of it.

The amount of funds from the Capital Improvements Fund is about \$900,000 and the balance of \$250,000+ will come from the Sheriff's Office through cost savings. Commissioner Jenkins asked why the second phase was in the contract if only phase 1 is being built. Sheriff Arbon said that the contract language states that they are only building phase 1 and notes that the county can go into phase 2. This can occur if the funds are available, but it is divided into two phases because this is the amount of money that was available at this time. Commissioner Harvey said that overtime this will save the county about 72,000 annually, plus give some longevity to the equipment sitting out in the weather. Chair Froerer agreed, stating that the present value of the lease over the next several years equals well over \$500,000-\$600,000 in savings.

Commissioner Harvey moved to approve the contract with E.K. Bailey for construction of a storage/training warehouse for the Sheriff's Office; Commissioner Jenkins seconded.

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

H. PUBLIC HEARING

1.

Commissioner Harvey moved to adjourn the public meeting and convene the public hearing; Commissioner Jenkins seconded.

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

2. **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT SECOND PUBLIC HEARING FOR CARES ACT FUNDING.**

Christy Dahlberg, Wasatch Front Regional Council (WFRC) Community Development Administrator, stated that this second public hearing was to allow public comment and on the scope of the projects noted below that were determined to be funded for the CDBG CV funding cycle. The supplemental CDBG funding is authorized by the Coronavirus Aid Relief and Economic Security Act, and these special funds will be used to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the Coronavirus pandemic. The WFRC will administer this, sponsored by Weber County for the following projects: rental assistance through the Housing Authorities, and small business emergency grants for businesses located in Morgan, Toole, and Weber Counties, excluding Ogden City, which has its own entitlement funds. Ms. Dahlberg addressed Chair Froerer's questions including that the Wasatch Front region will receive just under half a million dollars, with \$100,000 going to each housing authority, leaving \$300,000 for small business grants. She said that eligible uses include rent/utility, payroll, outstanding debt, and cleaning/disinfecting costs. Ineligible uses include personal mortgage payments and tax debt. She outlined the estimated grant availability plan.

3. Public Comments: Chair Froerer invited public comments, including any from Zoom Meeting participants who could call the number indicated on the agenda. No comments were offered.

4.

Commissioner Jenkins moved to adjourn the public hearing and reconvene the public meeting; Commissioner Harvey seconded.

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

5. **ACTION ON PUBLIC HEARING:**

Commissioner Harvey moved to approve the Community Development Block Grant second public hearing for the CARES Act funding; Commissioner Jenkins seconded.

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

I. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS: Commissioner Jenkins stated his preference that the CDBG funds go through Weber County rather than through the WFRC. These funds are going directly through Davis, Utah, and Salt Lake Counties and Ogden City. He referenced an upcoming meeting to help understand this process with Weber County, and Chair Froerer recommended inviting certain Housing Authority and County Economic Development staff.

Chair Froerer referred to the copy machines starting to come to the county through the new contract consolidating purchase and servicing of imaging equipment to take advantage of purchasing cost savings as a group of about \$80,000-\$100,000 over five years.

J. ADJOURN

Commissioner Jenkins moved to adjourn at 10:49 a.m.; Commissioner Harvey seconded.

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

Attest:

Gage Froerer, Chair
Weber County Commission

Ricky D. Hatch, CPA
Weber County Clerk/Auditor