

MINUTES
WEBER COUNTY COMMISSION

Tuesday, October 6, 2020 – 10:30 a.m.

Via Zoom meeting + at 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 Fernelius, of the Clerk/Auditor's Office, who took minutes

A. WELCOME - Chair Froerer

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Scott Parke

C. INVOCATION - Courtlan Erickson

D. THOUGHT OF THE DAY - Commissioner Harvey

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

F. CONSENT ITEMS:

1. Warrants #3129-#3151 and #453159-#453304 in the amount of \$902,050.09
2. Purchase orders in the amount \$1,136,838.23
3. ACH payment to US Bank in the amount of \$167,013.84
4. Minutes for the meeting held on September 29, 2020
5. New business licenses
6. Amended memorandum for a Retirement Incentive Window
7. Retirement Agreement with Kevin Morris
8. Amendment to agreement with Summit Food Management, LLC., adjusting pricing structure for inmate meals
9. Second amendment to the Master Services Agreement 2017 to add inmate tablets to the agreement

Commissioner Jenkins moved to approve the consent items less the \$725,283 Vermeer Rocky Mountain purchase order, which is on hold, and he noted that the DMLP Resources purchase order amount should be for two pole buildings, not one; Commissioner Harvey seconded.

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

G. ACTION ITEMS:

1. RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS TO WEBER COUNTY TAX REVIEW COMMITTEE – RESOLUTION 33-2020

Courtlan Erickson, Deputy County Attorney, presented two vacancies on this 5-member committee, due to a recent resignation and term expiration.

Commissioner Harvey moved to adopt Resolution 33-2020 appointing Kerry Jo Christoffersen (through 6/30/2021) to fill Keith Cordon's remaining term, and reappointing Gary Boyer (through 6/30/2022) to the Weber County Tax Review Committee; Commissioner Jenkins seconded.

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

2. RESOLUTION APPOINTING A WEBER COUNTY REPRESENTATIVE AND AN ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE UTAH COUNTIES INDEMNITY POOL ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING – RESOLUTION 34-2020

Christopher Crockett, Deputy County Attorney, presented this annual item.

Commissioner Harvey moved to adopt Resolution 34-2020 reappointing Scott K. Jenkins as the Weber County representative and Gage Froerer as the alternate for the Utah Counties Indemnity Pool annual membership meeting; Chair Froerer seconded. Commissioner Jenkins noted that Christopher Crockett, Deputy County Attorney, attends the meeting and could be an alternate. Commissioner Harvey amended his motion to have Mr. Crockett as the alternate; Chair Froerer seconded.

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

3. **PRESENTATION & DISCUSSION OF INTENT TO ESTABLISH A NEW PROPERTY TAX RATE IN SUMMIT ROAD OVERLAY DISTRICT, NOT TO EXCEED \$125,000, TO PROVIDE MUNICIPAL-TYPE SERVICES TO PROPERTIES IN THE SUMMIT ROAD OVERLAY DISTRICT -- THIS WOULD REPRESENT A 100% INCREASE OF THAT LINE**

Scott Parke, County Comptroller, showed the area map and noted that last week the Commission established the Summit Road Overlay District on the very top of Powder Mountain off of the new Summit Mountain Road to provide municipal-type services to the residences in that area. This item declares the commissioners' intent to establish a property tax in this overlay district not to exceed \$125,000 (for snow removal and road maintenance) in that area. The next step is to send out a mailer to each affected property owner (there are over 300 parcels, of which about 70 have dwellings), notifying them of the tax increase and announcing the November 24, 2020 public hearing at 6 p.m. He recapped snow removal costs to the county—about \$1,000/mile/year for the lower valley, about \$7,000/mile/year for the Ogden Valley, and about \$50,000/mile/year for the top of Powder Mountain. There a few people up there but they have been taking a huge amount of those dollars to maintain that road. An analysis was conducted. The county gave them credit for the additional property taxes that they pay because of their larger homes there. The additional expense was offset with the additional property tax that they pay and the difference in the shortfall is the proposed tax rate, so that they pay for the cost of the service that they receive. Commissioner Harvey stated that this is for the new county Summit Mountain Road (previously a dirt road that went to the Powder Ridge condos), and is not for the State road, and that this has been well vetted, that it is fair, and he supports it. Commissioner Jenkins also stated his support because it takes away part of the unfair burden that the other taxpayers have been paying. He said that the commissioners felt it had been unfair for the lower and upper valley residents to have been paying up to 50 times more for snow removal and subsidizing that area. The \$125,000 does not pay the expenses but the commissioners felt that it was a fair start. The commissioners have been systematically working to equalize services and expenses and make things fair in the county.

Courtlan Erickson, Deputy County Attorney, stated that the statute that is part of the truth-in-taxation process requires that the Commission state at a public meeting that the county intends to levy a tax rate that exceeds the certified tax rate, state the dollar amount of and the purpose for that additional tax revenue, and the approximate percentage increase. If the Commission wants to do this, it should state Weber County's intent, as written on the agenda: Weber County intends to establish a new property tax rate in the Summit Road Overlay District, not to exceed \$125,000, to provide municipal-type services to the properties in the Summit Road Overlay District. This would represent a 100% increase of that line.

Commissioner Jenkins moved to accept the statement as read by Mr. Erickson and incorporate it into the minutes of this meeting as the statement of the Commission. Commissioner Harvey seconded.

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

H. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS: Commissioner Jenkins is excited with the commissioners' continued direction to bring uniformity to the county, and he appreciates the hard work and service by the other commissioners. Commissioner Harvey gave a shout out to Lt. Governor Cox, who after receiving a telephone call from the Commission subsequent to the recent severe windstorm, helped Weber County secure a grinder to turn the debris into woodchips. In some cases it took the debris down to an eighth of the original volume and helped our community a lot. He also noted that our local Stauffer's Towing came out with their big trucks and started pulling up immense root balls, such as the 16-20 foot in diameter one that he saw them standing next to. Chair Froerer noted that the county has been in budget meetings over the last couple of weeks, and he very much appreciates all of the effort and time involved, and the interest in making sure that the budget, as we move forward, is in the best interest of the citizens of Weber County. He couldn't be more proud of our departments and their efforts to deliver top level service with very conservative budgets, as well as to reduce debt as evidenced this morning by the paying off in full of the Pleasant View Library Bond.

I. ADJOURN

Commissioner Harvey moved to adjourn at 11:17 a.m.; Commissioner Jenkins seconded.

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

Attest:

Gage Froerer, Chair
Weber County Commission

Ricky D. Hatch, CPA
Weber County Clerk/Auditor