

**MINUTES**  
**WEBER COUNTY COMMISSION**

Tuesday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024 – 10:02 a.m.

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

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**WEBER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:** James "Jim" H. Harvey, Sharon Bolos, and Gage Froerer  
**STAFF PRESENT** and Lynn D. Taylor, of the County Clerk/Auditor's office; Chris Crockett, Deputy County Attorney; and Craig D. Brandt, of the County Clerk/Auditor's office, who took minutes.

**A. WELCOME:** Chair Froerer

**B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mike Chatelain

**C. INVOCATION:** Sean Wilkinson

**D. THOUGHT OF THE DAY:** Commissioner Harvey: Commissioners, I want to invite you to participate with me on my message today. Please forgive me for being a little more personal. I became associated with the County in May 1994; I was appointed by the County Commission then. Back then were some interesting challenges. Many businesses were boarded up and closed; adult movies were being shown at Peery's Egyptian theater; most of the shops on 25<sup>th</sup> were boarded up with a few unsavory establishments. The caring and visionary leadership of many, but especially two of our own Commissioners, sparked a great transformation. The Commissioners at that time knew one of the things that needed to happen was to look forward to better tourism. It used to be everything came through Ogden; anyone travelling to the West had to go through Ogden. Rail travel eventually diminished with the advent of the automobile and airplane. Commissioners Joan Hellstrom and Spencer Stokes decided to do something about it. One of the things they did was to save Peery's Egyptian Theater. Last Friday we celebrated 100 years of the theater. Back in 1994, the vote to save the theater failed. But the project did not. Those two Commissioners decided they were not going to let Ogden City fail. On December 28<sup>th</sup>, 1994, they sold the bonds that build the conference center, save the theater, and convert this building to our current offices. Additionally, proceeds received from the tragic Golden Spike Stockyards fire were wisely used to build the Ice Sheet and for a second indoor arena and recreational building. I have a great debt of gratitude to them. I love this town, I am passionate about this town. All residents of Weber County have benefitted from what they've done.

Commissioner Bolos: I want to echo what Commissioner Harvey said. It takes courage to go against the grain and to do something that is important to you. This was the catalyst for the revitalization of Ogden. Thank you for having the foresight and the courage to see Weber County into the future.

Commissioner Froerer: I think we need to understand the opportunities we have in Weber County depended on Spencer Stokes and Joan Hellstrom and other Commissioners to ensure we have those facilities. That was not an easy time. Politics is not always that fun and sometimes you have to climb out on those skinny branches to make decisions that benefit future generations. We now get to enjoy the benefits of those decisions. We want to give you a memento of our appreciation - our Weber County belt buckle.

Chair Harvey: There is one key person who was the guide, who helped organize and put everything together and always led them to True North and that is Susan Finley. She was always so kind and caring; she made sure when you called the Commission office she made sure you had someone to talk to. We have an engraved compass for you.

Joan Hellstrom: When I was five years old, there was a KSL show called Princess Make-Believe; we would come down to the Egyptian theater before the Saturday morning show. That's how dear the Egyptian was. If it wasn't for Spencer Stokes, saving the theater wouldn't have happened. And a dear friendship was formed.

Spencer Stokes: It could not have been done without a massive group of community support. I was told by the incoming Commissioners that if the bond was not done before they were sworn in, they would cancel this project. So on the 28<sup>th</sup> of December, we sold the bonds. We had a good run, Joan and I. We closed the landfill, built a transfer station, built the Upper Valley library, and put a tax in place for the ongoing functions of the library. We were pretty much thrown out of office after our great run. But guess what? It's all paid for and serves the people of Weber County well.

Commissioner Harvey: A lot of times in our service here, we fail to mention those who are the most important to us. So I want to give a shout out to Kent Hellstrom and to Mary Stokes who paid a dear price supporting these two.

**E. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

1. Gloria Froerer: I wasn't around back then, I was busy chasing barrels with Commissioner Harvey. I couldn't remember when Joan was in office so I did a little background study and I found this podcast. She didn't know what a caucus meeting was, she didn't know what a convention was. She was just this innocent, little neighborhood mother who knew nothing and now look what she has done. Look up Spencer Stokes or Joan Hellstrom and listen to the podcast.

**F. PRESENTATION:**

1. Presentation of Payment in Lieu of Taxes by Utah Division of Wildlife Resources Blair Stringham (Northern Region Supervisor, Utah Division of Wildlife Resources): I recently replaced Ben Nadalski. I want to extend an invitation to please reach out if you need anything. Today I will present to a check for PiLT for \$9063.41.

Commissioner Harvey: We want to thank you for the work you and your office did last year that helped with the flooding.

**G. CONSENT ITEMS:**

1. Warrants #9964-10075 and #481903-482093 in the amount of \$1,708,868.50.
2. Purchase orders in the amount of \$225,955.63.
3. Summary of Warrants and Purchase Orders.
4. Minutes for the meetings held on January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024.
5. New business licenses.
6. Contracts with the following Independent Hearing Officers:  
Brad Mullen  
Cody Hymas  
Esther Martinez  
Jeffrey Morley  
Randy Kelly
7. Contract with Weber School District to hold the Iron Kid Competition at the Golden Spike Event Center.
8. Contract with Weber School District to hold the STEM Olympiad Competition at the Golden Spike Event Center.
9. Contract with Weber School District to hold MESA Day at the Golden Spike Event Center.
10. Surplus property identified as Parcel #08-052-0018.
11. Fourth amendment to the Landfill Management and Operating Agreement by and between Weber County and Moulding & Sons Landfill, LLC.
12. Basic Training Agreement with Logan Kotkas.

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

**H. ACTION ITEMS:**

1. **APPROVE A FINAL READING OF FEE ORDINANCE 2024-04 CONTAINING AMENDMENTS RELATING TO THE WEBER COUNTY TRANSFER STATION, CONSTRUCTION AND DEMOLITION LANDFILL, AND RESIDENTIAL SOLID WASTE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL.**

Sean Wilkinson (Director, Community Development): The only item added from the First Reading is the contract you just approved with Moulding & Sons Landfill. The County will now pay \$15/ton, up from \$12 per ton for items taken to the landfill; that has been added to the fee Ordinance. It has been three years since the last increase at the C&D landfill. Our prices are still in the bottom tier compared to other counties.

Commissioner Froerer moved to approve a Final reading of Fee Ordinance 2024-04 containing amendments relating to the Weber County Transfer Station, Construction and Demolition Landfill, and residential solid waste collection and disposal; Commissioner Bolos seconded.  
Roll Call Vote: Chair Harvey – aye; Commissioner Bolos – aye; Commissioner Froerer - aye

**2. APPROVE A CONTRACT WITH WEBER COUNTY COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AGENCY FOR USE OF TAX INCREMENT FINANCING FOR THE CHROMALOX DEVELOPMENT PROJECT.**

Stephanie Russell (Economic Development Director): In November of 2023, the CRA approved the project area plan and budget. This is the next step is to go into an agreement between the county CRA and the Commission to provide Tax Increment Finance to the CRA for this project.

Commissioner Bolos moved to approve a contract Weber County Community Reinvestment Agency for use of tax increment financing for the Chromalox development project; Commissioner Froerer seconded.  
Chair Harvey – aye; Commissioner Bolos – aye; Commissioner Froerer - aye

**3. APPROVE THE FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE OF WEBER COUNTY ADOPTING THE PROJECT AREA PLAN FOR THE CHROMALOX COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT PROJECT AREA.**

Stephanie Russell (Economic Development Director): This is the First Reading of an Ordinance to create the Chromalox Community Reinvestment project area.

Commissioner Froerer moved to approve the first reading of an Ordinance of Weber County adopting the Project Area Plan for the Chromalox Community Reinvestment Project Area; Commissioner Bolos seconded.  
Chair Harvey – aye; Commissioner Bolos – aye; Commissioner Froerer - aye

**I. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:**

1. Commissioner Bolos: We had a conversation with Mr Todd Ferrario. Todd was talking about Cassie and all the work she and her team had done. She mentioned something about going to pick up the band and Todd said, "I told Kassi Parks and Rec can go pick up the band!" That's what it's all about with our employees. They chip in and help each other and jump in. I'm sure it was a crazy week for Cassie and her team. I thought was pretty cool that everybody jumps in where needed and that's why things happen in Weber County. Marty, you lead a great team. Thank you so much. The different divisions of your team all had involvement in that wonderful celebration. It was very well received through the whole state of Utah. As a side note that pickup time to take that band back was at 5:00 a.m. there was another pickup time for another artist at 3:00 a.m. the following morning. I appreciate that very much.

**J. ADJOURN**

Commissioner Bolos moved to adjourn at 11:04 am.; Commissioner Froerer seconded.  
Chair Harvey – aye; Commissioner Bolos – aye; Commissioner Froerer - aye

Attest:

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James H. Harvey, Chair  
Weber County Commission

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Ricky D. Hatch, CPA  
Weber County Clerk/Auditor