

MINUTES
WEBER COUNTY COMMISSION

Tuesday, March 5th, 2024 – 10:00 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: 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 Harvey

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Chad Meyerhoffer

C. INVOCATION: Craig Brandt

D. THOUGHT OF THE DAY: Commissioner Froerer: There was a thing in college called a pop quiz. This will be a philosophy pop quiz from Charles Schultz, creator of the Peanuts comic strip. Name the five wealthiest people in the world. Name the last five Heisman Trophy winners. Name the last five winners of the Miss America Pageant. Name ten Nobel Peace Prize winners. Name a half dozen Academy Award winners for Best Actor or Actress. Name the last decade's worth of World Series winners. Remember, none of us really remember the headlines of yesterday. Achievements and accolades are often forgotten. Here's a second quiz. List the teachers that aided your journey through school. Name three friends that helped you through your difficult times. Name five people who have taught you something worthwhile. Think of a few people who have made you feel appreciated and special. Think of five people you enjoy spending time with. The lesson from Charles Schultz is, "the people who make a difference in your life are not the ones who have the most credentials...the most money...or the most trophies or awards. They are simply the ones who care the most."

E. PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Kristi Bell, Uintah City Counselor, City Water Manager: I wanted to give you an update on a project the County helped us complete. One of our main storage tanks was crumbling leading to a building moratorium in the city. ARPA funds were allocated to help fund a replacement project which was completed ahead of schedule and under budget. The new tank increases capacity from 250k gallons to 750k gallons.

F. CONSENT ITEMS:

1. Warrants #101207-101258, #482706-482795, and #341-342 in the amount of \$3,137,438.62.
2. Purchase orders in the amount of \$189,135.71.
3. Summary of Warrants and Purchase Orders.
4. Minutes for the meetings held on February 27, 2024
5. New business licenses.
6. Surplus eleven office chairs for the Weber County Homeland Security Department.
7. Surplus a 2008 Dodge Sprinter Cargo Van for the Weber County Library.
8. Parcel #16-049-0130 as surplus property.
9. Contract with Powerdetails for the use of computer software to manage overtime shifts for the Sheriff's Office overtime and vendor shifts.
10. Amendment #1 to Contract No. 220630328- Ogden Valley Wayfinding Signage- Phase 2.
11. Contract with Kim Whimpey to manage stalls during the Ice Breaker Rodeo being held at the Golden Spike Event Center.

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

G. ACTION ITEMS:

1. **APPROVE THE 2024 RAMP GRANT RECOMMENDATIONS RECREATION, ARTS, MUSEUMS AND PARKS BOARD.**

Lacy Richards (RAMP Tax Advisory Board, Chair): I am joined today by Kevin Burns who chairs the RAMP Recreation and Parks committee and Ernie Gonzalez who chairs the RAMP Arts and Museums Committee. The funding available in Major grant category was \$2M which was enough to fund 31% of the nine requests received. These were all partial finding recommendations. Parks and Recreation had \$1.8M in available funding for 76% of requested funds; 16 requests were recommended for funding. Arts and Museums also had \$1.8M in available funding for 58% of requests received; 47 requests were recommended for funding. Applications for EZ grant funding are due by 5pm, March 22nd, 2024. \$80k is available for funding for requests up to \$2k. It is really a honor and a privilege to serve on this RAMP board. I would encourage everyone to look at the different ways that RAMP is enhancing our communities.

Chair Harvey: Thank you Lacy Richards. We appreciate what you do as a leader and what your team does on behalf of everyone in Weber County as these funds are distributed countywide for a variety of wonderful projects.

Commissioner Bolos: Thank you Lacy and to your team. There are many others who spend hours and hours of volunteer time to make these recommendations. I learned about this long before I was a commissioner because I'm friends with Lacy and I knew that there were times in the year when she was spending hours and hours with the board. Thank you and please pass that on to the volunteer board.

Commissioner Froerer: It looked like just about every city received some RAMP funding. A lot of those projects couldn't be done and wouldn't be done without RAMP. Thank you for taking the time spent and donated to make this happen.

Commissioner Bolos moved to approve the 2024 RAMP Grant recommendations from the Recreation, Arts, Museums and Parks Board; Commissioner Froerer seconded.
Chair Harvey – aye; Commissioner Bolos – aye; Commissioner Froerer - aye

2. APPROVE FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE 2024-07 CHANGING THE NAME OF STREETS WITHIN UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF WEBER COUNTY.

Brett Badley (Surveyor's Office): No changes from First Reading.

Commissioner Bolos moved to approve Final Reading of Ordinance 2024-07 changing the name of streets within unincorporated areas of Weber County; Commissioner Froerer seconded.
Roll Call Vote: Chair Harvey – aye; Commissioner Bolos – aye; Commissioner Froerer - aye

3. APPROVE RESOLUTION 12-2024 MAKING APPOINTMENTS TO THE PUBLIC DEFENDER BOARD.

Jim Retallick (Public Defender Group): Rich Morrow's position expired December 31st of last year. He agreed to continue serving an additional three year term if approved. His new term would expire in 2026.

Commissioner Froerer moved to approve Resolution 12-2024 reappointing Rich Morrow to the Public Defender Board; Commissioner Bolos seconded.
Roll Call Vote: Chair Harvey – aye; Commissioner Bolos – aye; Commissioner Froerer - aye

4. APPROVE RESOLUTION 13-2024 INITIATING THE CREATION OF A GOVERNING DOCUMENT FOR THE PROPOSED NORDIC VILLAGE PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE DISTRICTS NOS. 1, 2, AND 3.

Stephanie Russell (Economic Development Director): This Resolution starts the governing document for the Nordic Village PIDs 1, 2, and 3.

Commissioner Froerer moved to approve Resolution 13-2024 initiating the creation of a governing document for the proposed Nordic Village Public Infrastructure Districts Nos. 1, 2, and 3; Commissioner Bolos seconded.
Roll Call Vote: Chair Harvey – aye; Commissioner Bolos – aye; Commissioner Froerer - aye

5. APPROVE RESOLUTION 14-2024 APPROVING THE 2023 MUNICIPAL WASTEWATER PLANNING PROGRAM ANNUAL REPORT.

Chad Meyerhoffer (Engineering): I'll go through some of the main points of the report. We collect 95% or more of our sewer fees. Most of our improvements are done through development so we do not have too many projects that we have done or look to do as far as the county extending new sewer. We were able to remove one of our sewer lift stations last year with smaller repair and maintenance projects last year. This next year we have mostly just maintenance and repair projects. Our sewer system is in pretty good shape being a younger system.

Commissioner Froerer moved to approve Resolution 14-2024 approving the 2023 Municipal Wastewater Planning Program Annual Report; Commissioner Bolos seconded.
Roll Call Vote: Chair Harvey – aye; Commissioner Bolos – aye; Commissioner Froerer - aye

6. **APPROVE AN ACADEMY COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH WEBER STATE UNIVERSITY FOR A CORRECTIONS/SPECIAL FUNCTION OFFICE ACADEMY CLASS FOR THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE.**

Sgt Paul Babinsky (Sheriff's Department): The next academy will not start until August 5th. We have nine people ready for the academy now. We reached out to Weber State and they agreed to start an academy in May.

Commissioner Bolos moved to approve an Academy Cooperative Agreement with Weber State University for a corrections/special function office academy class for the Sheriff's Office; Commissioner Froerer seconded. Chair Harvey – aye; Commissioner Bolos – aye; Commissioner Froerer - aye

7. **APPROVE RESOLUTION 15-2024 APPOINTING A NEW CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF APPEALS.**

Janie Avery (Clerk/Auditor's Office): This Resolution appoints a new Chief Administrative Officer of Appeals.

Commissioner Bolos moved to approve Resolution 15-2024 appointing a new Chief Administrative Office of Appeals; Commissioner Froerer seconded. Roll Call Vote: Chair Harvey – aye; Commissioner Bolos – aye; Commissioner Froerer - aye

8. **APPROVAL OF A FIRST READING OF A GRAMA ORDINANCE AMENDMENT TO CLARIFY AND IMPROVE THE COUNTY CODE REGARDING PROCESSES FOR GRAMA APPEAL, (CHAPTER 2-13-7(A)).**

Janie Avery (Clerk/Auditor's Office): Will not replace wording as proposed in work session as the word shows up in other parts of the Ordinance; that language change will take place all at once at a later date.

Commissioner Bolos moved to approve a first reading of a GRAMA Ordinance amendment to clarify and improve the county code regarding processes for GRAMA Appeal, (Chapter 2-13-7(a)); Commissioner Froerer seconded. Chair Harvey – aye; Commissioner Bolos – aye; Commissioner Froerer - aye

9. **APPROVE THE GRAMA REQUEST ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2023.**

Janie Avery (Clerk/Auditor's Office): (Audio was lost for a portion of this presentation. The presentation was given at a prior Work Session on February 5th, 2024 with no changes to the information contained therein. Highlights from the presentation include the Sheriff's department receiving over 70% of GRAMA requests last year; over 80% of requests are from people within Utah with over 70% of those requests coming from outside Weber County. The County received over 1600 GRAMA requests in 2023 which is over four times the number of requests received in 2020). We are doing training with departments on GRAMA and archives to make sure everyone is familiar with the tools. As for the County Archives, we have been working on updating our Archives website as well making improvements to the Archive room itself.

Chair Harvey: Back in 2016 and 2017, the Commission office had the most requests, far and away. This data shows in part, the impact of our efforts to be transparent.

Commissioner Froerer moved to approve the GRAMA Request Annual Report for 2023; Commissioner Bolos seconded. Chair Harvey – aye; Commissioner Bolos – aye; Commissioner Froerer - aye

H. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

1. Chair Harvey: Stall of Fame for March 2024 presented by Bahy Rahimzadegan of the Recorder office. Bahy Rahimzadegan (Recorder's Office): Unquestionably it was easy to pick Debbie Christensen. 70% of our survey cards are about Debbie and how she takes care of upfront and our customers. She is just great at what she does. I wish I could have ten of her.

Commissioner Bolos: When I walk in to the office, everyone in that office is so friendly and they always wave at me. When you have to work with disgruntled customers it can be really difficult so I really appreciate those who make an effort to be kind and understanding. So thank you!

Commissioner Froerer: I agree with that 100%. She always has a smile on her face. She is another shining example of what we pride ourselves on here in Weber County which is the best in customer service

Chair Harvey: You were one of the first people I saw when I walked in the doors; you gave a nice smile, your eyes were shining and welcoming. As I've watched you interact with customers who are coming in and are upset, you just diffuse the situation; you just have a way with people. This is long overdue but certainly very very well deserved. Thank you for being who you are.

J. ADJOURN

Commissioner Bolos moved to adjourn at 10:45 a.m.; Commissioner Freorer seconded.
Chair Harvey – aye; Commissioner Bolos – aye; Commissioner Froerer - aye

Attest:

James H. Harvey, Chair
Weber County Commission

Ricky D. Hatch, CPA
Weber County Clerk/Auditor