

MINUTES
WEBER COUNTY COMMISSION
Tuesday, March 17, 2020 - 10:00 a.m.
2380 Washington Blvd., Ogden, Utah

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WEBER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS: Gage Froerer and "Jim" H. Harvey. Scott K. Jenkins was excused.

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 Froerer
- B. INVOCATION** - Zachary Damm
- C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** - Ryan Cowley
- D. THOUGHT OF THE DAY** - Chair Froerer

H. PUBLIC COMMENTS: Ralph Price, of Ogden, thanked the Sheriff/officers for what they do, the commissioners' efforts this winter to keep the Lantern House open and said that Morgan and Davis counties should help more with funding.

Chair Froerer referred to the worldwide expanding global pandemic of the novel Coronavirus disease and read the statement that is on the county's website. The county team has been meeting since last week and receiving daily/hourly updates from the CDC and the Governor's Office as they take steps to protect and serve county citizens and staff. For the next 15 days, most county facilities will be available by appointment only and closed to the general public beginning March 17th at noon and will monitor the situation. Commissioner Harvey noted that there is a lot of uncertainty in this uncharted territory but we have been assured that utilities will not be interrupted. Ricky Hatch, County Clerk/Auditor, and Ryan Cowley, County Elections Director, outlined the candidate filing process. Lance Petersen, County Emergency Management Director, said that the Governor's Office would be issuing a statement today, and he asked for the community's patience.

E. PRESENTATION ON THE WEBER COUNTY VICTIM/WITNESS PROGRAM.

LeeAnn Nielson, Victim/Witness Coordinator from the Weber County Attorney's Office, gave the annual presentation. The highlights included that in the past year the five office advocates have met national requirements for the credentialing program. They have a very heavy workload. In 2019 their office filed over 6,100 cases, prosecuted 2,625 felony cases, 1,312 misdemeanor cases, 1,698 juvenile cases and 482 justice court cases, assisted over 540 domestic violence and assault against a person cases, nearly 200 sexual assault cases against children and adults and 5 homicide cases, countless financial crimes, identity fraud cases, helped the courts order over \$733,000 in restitution, theft, kidnapping, organized a county-wide meeting for county advocates to collaborate ideas/resources, have lead the way with a facility dog to help child victims, and offer a high school/collage students internship program,

F. CONSENT ITEMS:

1. Warrants #2524-2555 and #448094-448254 in the amount of \$798,383.77.
2. Purchase orders in the amount \$272,966.01.
3. Minutes for the meeting held on March 10, 2020.
4. New business licenses.
5. First amendment to contract with Ogden City Redevelopment Agency extending contract term re: Kiesel parking structure agreement.
6. Agreement with the State of Utah DAS/DFCM for pass-through funding for the Ogden Ice Sheet Project.
7. Change Order #3 on contract with Staker Parson for 12th Street Project, Segment 3.

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

Commissioner Harvey – aye; Chair Froerer – aye

G. ACTION ITEMS:

1. WEBER COUNTY BOARD OF CANVASS-CERTIFICATION OF RESULTS OF PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION.

Ryan Cowley, County Elections Director, explained the statutory order for three Board of Canvass members, which today consisted of the two commissioners and John Bond, County Treasurer. One of the unique things happening for the first time this year included consolidating polling places into one centralized vote center at the Union Station, an iconic, centrally located building next to all major county transportation routes. This worked quite well, and there was a lot of positive feedback and the negative was the travel distance for some people and that some did not know about it. However, it was noticed on the county's website, was mailed in each ballot, was posted all over social media as well as in many Standard Examiner newspaper articles, etc. This location worked great for the disability community with the created shortcuts. This was done with 1/3 of the resources, it alleviated poll workers' long hours, etc. County Elections is very small, having three fulltime staff, compared to other similar-sized counties around the country. They processed 14,138 voter registrations since Christmas, in addition to running the election, handling the State tax referendum, etc. The election figures included that there were 24,763 Republican ballots cast, 13,767 Democrat ballots cast, that of the ballots received, 91% were cast either by-mail or cast early. The total registered voter turnout was an amazing 59.7%. The commissioners, Mr. Bond, and Ricky Hatch, County Clerk/Auditor, commended the innovative and professional elections team, one of the best in the nation, who care about the integrity of elections.

Mr. Hatch said that County Elections continues to improve on the process. Mr. Cowley thanked his small, hardworking staff who do amazing work.

Commissioner Harvey moved to approve the canvass results certification of the Presidential Primary Election; John Bond seconded.

Commissioner Harvey – aye; John Bond, County Treasurer – aye; Commissioner Froerer – aye

2. CONTRACT WITH VITALCORE HEALTH STRATEGIES FOR INMATE HEALTHCARE SERVICES.

County Sheriff Chief Aaron Perry presented this contract, which was done through procurement, for provision of medical/psychiatric services (Constitutional requirements for inmates) in both the Kiesel and the 12th Street facilities. The county was performing below national standards. He has seen firsthand the nurses objectivity, compassion and tireless hours to serve the inmates, and this contract affords them additional needed resources to do their job more effectively. He outlined how the county currently provides medical services, including contracting with various companies for various services. The county seriously looked to improve this process to meet the care, statutory requirements, reduce liability, and be fiscally responsible. They looked at national standards and trends and visited a Dallas facility. This company will provide all the contracts/services into one and with some indemnification. Currently, nursing, medical and clerks are county employees but will become contract employees, and VitalCore has guaranteed them employment with no pay reduction. This is a 1-year contract with four optional annual renewals (with a 90-day exit clause) and the annual cost is just under \$3.3 million, which is in the Sheriff's budget for two years. They believe they will see significant savings in decreased transports to hospitals, etc. To build the county's own equal services it would take a lot of time and be potentially much more expensive to achieve all the benefits. He addressed Commissioner Harvey's questions including that there will be a 4% annual increase, which should be covered by the savings. Chair Froerer concluded that the county does not have the resources without contracting this out.

Commissioner Harvey moved to approve the contract with VitalCore Health Strategies for inmate healthcare services; Chair Froerer seconded.

Commissioner Harvey – aye; Chair Froerer – aye

3. CONDITIONAL USE REQUEST FOR HALCYON ESTATES, A PLANNED RESIDENTIAL UNIT DEVELOPMENT, CONSISTING OF 39 RESIDENTIAL UNITS, AND A 10.0 ACRE OPEN SPACE PARCEL.

Tammy Aydelotte, of the County Planning Division, stated that this includes a request for 30% bonus density, giving the overall development 39 residential units and a 10-acre open space parcel for agriculture.

Commissioner Harvey moved to approve the conditional use request for Halcyon Estates, a Planned Residential Unit Development, consisting of 39 residential units, and a 10.0 acre open space parcel; Chair Froerer seconded.

Commissioner Harvey – aye; Chair Froerer – aye

4. CONTRACT WITH PICTOMETRY INTERNATIONAL FOR AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY.

John Ulibari, County Assessor, presented this contract renewal for three years. This service helps with State compliance.

Commissioner Harvey moved to approve this contract with Pictometry International; Chair Froerer seconded.

Commissioner Harvey – aye; Chair Froerer – aye

5. REQUEST ON CONTRACT WITH AMERICAN CHARIOT RACING INC. FOR ACR WORLDS AT GOLDEN SPIKE EVENT CENTER.

Commissioner Harvey moved to strike this item from the agenda as requested by the petitioner and legal counsel.

6. CONTRACT WITH UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE, TO FACILITATE REPAIRS TO OGDEN & WEBER RIVERS IN OGDEN CITY & WEST HAVEN.

Lance Peterson, County Emergency Management Director, stated that this grant award is for five sites in these cities on the rivers that sustained substantial damage in 2019. The contract includes letters from West Haven's Mayor and the Ogden City Manager stating that they will handle the 20% match and oversee the bidding, construction, etc.

Commissioner Harvey moved to approve the contract with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service to facilitate repairs to the Ogden and Weber Rivers in Ogden City and West Haven; Chair Froerer seconded.

Commissioner Harvey – aye; Chair Froerer – aye

I. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS: Commissioner Harvey appreciates Chair Froerer's leadership during unprecedented COVID-19.

J. ADJOURN

Commissioner Harvey moved to adjourn at 11:33 a.m.; Chair Froerer seconded.

Commissioner Harvey – aye; Chair Froerer – aye

Attest:

Gage Froerer, Chair
Weber County Commission

Ricky D. Hatch, CPA
Weber County Clerk/Auditor