

MINUTES
WEBER COUNTY COMMISSION

Tuesday, April 2nd, 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: Ricky Hatch, County Clerk/Auditor; Chris Crockett, Deputy County Attorney; Jason Horne, of the County Clerk/Auditor's office, and Craig D. Brandt (via zoom), of the County Clerk/Auditor's office, who took minutes.

A. WELCOME: Chair Harvey

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Kristy Bingham

C. INVOCATION: Chris Crockett

D. THOUGHT OF THE DAY: Commissioner Harvey: Something that's been on my mind for quite a few weeks now that I wanted to talk to you just basically share with you that I thought was really kind of insightful within our little family unit. My son years ago met a Brazilian gal and they were married and six years ago she started the process and of becoming a US citizen. I thought I'd ask you some of the questions in they have in the naturalization test. She took the oath called the Oath of Allegiance during the naturalization ceremony last Thursday at the Union Station. They had 126 people from 38 different countries that have been preparing for years. After they took their Oath of Allegiance, a couple of them got up and talked about their stories. Some of the ones that really got to me were the ones who came from different places where they never knew what it was to have freedom. They were under oppression, they were under tyranny or a dictator. They had no freedoms and for whatever reason and however the process was they came here and some at the peril of different family members. I remember years ago teaching a family and the father had left with his eight children and his oldest son. As they were leaving the shores of Laos to swim across the river, his oldest son was shot and there was bullet fire all around him just because they wanted to leave to get here. So my daughter-in-law had to take a test and some of the questions I thought were interesting; I thought how many of us could answer these questions today. Let me read you a couple of them I thought were really good.

- Why did the colonists fight the British from the 13 original colonies?
 - High taxes,
 - The British army stayed in their houses,
 - The colonies didn't have any self-government
- We all know who wrote the Declaration of Independence but they asked them to name some of the people on the Declaration of Independence and when it was signed
- Name some of the original 13 colonies
 - Are there some of you that can't name one let alone three or five as the test would ask?
- What happened at the Constitutional Convention?
 - The answer is at the Constitutional Convention the Constitution was written by the founding fathers
- When was the Constitution written?
 - 1787
- The Federalist Papers supported the passage of the US Constitution. Name one of the writers.
 - James Madison, Alexander Hamilton, and John Jay under the pen name of Publius.
- What is one thing Benjamin Franklin is famous for?
 - He was a US Diplomat
 - He was the oldest member of the Constitutional Convention
 - He was the first Postmaster General in the United States
 - He was the writer of Poor Richard's Almanac
 - He started the first free libraries

I thought this is great stuff and it goes on and on. Of course they talk about who is our Congressman, who's our Senator, name one of the two longest rivers in the United States, name one of the four states that border Mexico, name one state that borders Canada, name a US Territory (Puerto Rico, US Virgin Islands, American Samoa, Northern Mariana Islands, and Guam). There were over a hundred questions in this book and she had to answer with certain accuracy in order to pass that test. So, to Iris Marcia Firmo Dos Santos Harvey, my daughter-in-law, I want you to know how proud we are of you for investing in yourself, for doing things the right and legal way, and for pouring your heart and soul into that accomplishment. I appreciate you allowing me to have that heartwarming experience and seeing others from so many different countries do the same.

E. PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE.

F. CONSENT ITEMS:

1. Warrants #101487-101515 and #483248-483339 in the amount of \$1,283,556.49.
2. Purchase orders in the amount of \$24,933.00.
3. Summary of Warrants and Purchase Orders.
4. Minutes for the meeting held on March 19, 2024.
5. New business licenses.
6. Local Transportation Funding Agreement with West Haven City to establish terms related to the West Haven City 5100 W. & 4000 S. intersection improvement project.
7. Local Transportation Funding Agreement with West Haven City to establish terms related to the West Haven City 4300 W. & 4000 S. intersection improvement project.
8. Modification to a contract with the U.S. Forest Service for the Weber County Sheriff's office to provide law enforcement coverage to forest service areas between Memorial Day and Labor Day.
9. Change Order to the contract with Wasatch Civil Consulting Engineering, Inc., for the final design on the 12th Street Segment 4.
10. Memorandum of Understanding with Utah Communication Authority to maintain Weber County's radio site located on top of Monte Cristo.

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

G. ACTION ITEMS:

1. **APPROVE RESOLUTION 23-2024 APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE WEBER COUNTY VETERAN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE.**

Kristy Bingham (Commission Office): The Weber County Veteran's Advisory Committee has two vacant positions that expired on the 31st of December, 2023. Recommending appointing Dennis Parizek and reappointing Frank Maughan.

Commissioner Froerer moved to approve Resolution 23-2024 appointing Dennis Parizek and reappointing Frank Maughan to the Weber County Veteran's Advisory Committee for terms expiring on December 31st, 2026; Commissioner Bolos seconded.
Roll Call Vote: Chair Harvey – aye; Commissioner Bolos – aye; Commissioner Froerer - aye

2. **APPROVE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN WEBER COUNTY AND INNOVATIVE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, INC. FOR THE WEBER COUNTY MITIGATION PLAN.**

Lisa Schwartz-Gosline (Homeland Security and Emergency Management Program Director): This is a five year mitigation plan required for any county to receive any federal funding related to mitigation plans.

Commissioner Bolos moved to approve Professional Services Agreement with Innovative Emergency Management, Inc. for the Weber County Mitigation Plan; Commissioner Froerer seconded.
Chair Harvey – aye; Commissioner Bolos – aye; Commissioner Froerer - aye

H. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

1. Stall of Fame presented by Quinn Fowers and Chief Phillip Reese.
Quinn Fowers (Director of IT): Ernie's been with the county I since 2017 or so, serves on RAMP and the Ogden Musical Theater boards and about any other board or committee that is offered. He's always willing to do service. We're excited to give him this. He has a speech prepared.

I just want to say thank you for the honor. It's totally unexpected. I appreciate it but I appreciate the co-workers that I have within the IT department. I'm honored that I'd be chosen for this.

Ernie Gonzalez: I just want to say thank you for the honor. It's totally unexpected. I appreciate it but I appreciate the co-workers that I have within the IT department. I'm honored that I'd be chosen for this.

Chair Harvey: Long before he came to the County, I knew Ernie. He has always been a giver.

Chief Reese: I really appreciate this opportunity to say a few kind words about Miss Andelin. I don't think my words will ever suffice to express my gratitude to her. I am incredibly grateful for the work she does and for the soul that she puts into our office. We have a phrase around our office that our brain has been broken by Laura. A lot of us in Corrections are very black and white in our thinking and we struggle with the broader view of humanity. Laura brings to our office a perspective that's refreshing and frankly the direction that Corrections needs to continue to head into the future. So thank you for this opportunity Commissioner Bolos.

Laura Andelin (Corrections): No, this is completely unexpected so thank you. I'm just really grateful, thank you.

2. Commissioner Froerer: The last four years I have given updates on flood conditions. I do not use stats from the Weber Basin or the weather department; I am using my own method which is Flood Rock in Ogden Canyon. It is called Flood Rock because when water flows over the top of the rock we are concerned about what happens in the lower Weber and sometimes Ogden Canyon. I look at the rock every night on my way home and right now the river is at the top of the flood rock. I know everyone is on pins and needles; I will update as appropriate.
3. Commissioner Bolos: Thank you to Ernie who has spent a lot of time in my office when I first started because I don't know a lot about technology. Thank you that. And for Laura, I have spent the past year with her on the local homeless council and learned a lot about homeless services; her compassion is incomparable. She is very deserving of this recognition.

I. CLOSED SESSION REGARDING PENDING LITIGATION OR REASONABLY IMMINENT LITIGATION

Commissioner Froerer moved to go adjourn the public meeting and convene a closed session at 10:27 am.; Commissioner Bolos seconded.
Roll Call Vote: Chair Harvey – aye; Commissioner Bolos – aye; Commissioner Froerer - aye

No action taken during the closed session.

Commissioner Bolos moved to go adjourn the closed session and reconvene the public meeting at 11:04 am.; Commissioner Froerer seconded.
Chair Harvey – aye; Commissioner Bolos – aye; Commissioner Froerer - aye

J. ADJOURN

Commissioner Froerer moved to adjourn at 11:04 am.; Commissioner Bolos 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