

**MINUTES
WEBER COUNTY COMMISSION**

Tuesday, April 7, 2020 - 10:00 a.m. - Electronic Meeting

In accordance with the requirements of Utah Code Annotated Section 52-4-203, the County Clerk records in the minutes the names of all persons who appear and speak at a County Commission meeting and the substance "in brief" of their comments. Such statements may include opinion or purported facts. The County does not verify the accuracy or truth of any statement but includes it as part of the record pursuant to State law.

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

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 - Ricky D. Hatch

C. THOUGHT OF THE DAY - Commissioner Harvey

D. PUBLIC COMMENTS: Comments were to be emailed to the Commission Office and none were received. Questions were also invited at this time through the chat format and none were received.

E. CONSENT ITEMS:

1. Warrants #2615-2637 and #448624-448769 in the amount of \$330,231.52
 2. Purchase orders in the amount \$61,007.28
 3. Minutes for the meeting held on ~~April 7~~, March 31, 2020
 4. ACH payment to US Bank in the amount of \$136,687.48
 5. Surplus concession stand equipment from Weber County Golden Spike Event Center
 6. Amendment to a contract with LexisNexis to increase inmate access to the Law Library
- Commissioner Jenkins moved to approve the consent items; Commissioner Harvey seconded.
Commissioner Harvey – aye; Commissioner Jenkins – aye; Chair Froerer – aye

F. ACTION ITEMS:

1. **RESOLUTION APPROVING 2019 MUNICIPAL WASTEWATER PLANNING PROGRAM ANNUAL REPORT – RESOLUTION 9-2020**

Chad Meyerfoffer, of County Engineering, stated that the wastewater system report is submitted to the State subsequent to the county's review of the related financial status, the condition, and of any issues that may have arisen in the past year. The infrastructure is fairly new and overall looks very good.

Commissioner Jenkins moved to adopt Resolution 9-2020 approving the 2019 Municipal Wastewater Planning Program annual report; Commissioner Harvey seconded.
Commissioner Harvey – aye; Commissioner Jenkins – aye; Chair Froerer – aye

2. **ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A PROCEDURE TO PROVIDE TEMPORARY RELIEF FROM BUSINESS PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX PENALTIES AND INTEREST DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC – ORDINANCE 2020-5**

John Ulibarri, County Assessor, noted that the pandemic has had a negative impact on businesses. In an effort to provide temporary relief for those in our county, this ordinance defers this interest and penalties until 8/15/2020, while encouraging those who can file to do so by the May 15 statutory deadline. He asked that this ordinance be adopted on the first reading in order to more quickly disseminate this information.

Commissioner Harvey moved to adopt Ordinance 2020-5 establishing a procedure to provide temporary relief from business personal property tax penalties/interest due to COVID-19 pandemic; Commissioner Jenkins seconded.

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

3. **CONTRACT WITH ROCKY MOUNTAIN POWER FOR WORK RELATED TO THE RELOCATION OF POWER POLES AND POWER LINES IN THE WEBER CENTER'S EAST PARKING LOT**

Scott Mendoza, of County Community Development, stated that utilities need to be relocated due to the Weber Center's parking structure demolition project. Rocky Mountain will remove two power poles near the structure, install one new one, and relocate a new power line to Weber Center's east boundary to continue providing power service to adjacent businesses. The contract cost is \$11,361.

Commissioner Harvey moved to approve the contract with Rocky Mountain Power for relocation of power poles and power lines in the Weber Center's east parking lot; Commissioner Jenkins seconded.

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

G. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS: The commissioners have received questions as to why the county is still holding these meetings, why it does not totally shut down, but they are also being asked the opposite. The commissioners evaluate the situation daily and try to be responsible. Ricky Hatch, County Clerk/Auditor reported that his office is mostly closed to the public except to handle urgent needs, and he outlined the needed functions that his office continues to provide. Sean Wilkinson, County Community Development Director, addressed Commissioner Jenkins' questions stating that the county has masks for outdoor-working employees but are running low at the Transfer Station, which closed to the public yesterday. He said that for the most part people are understanding of this, but they have also received some not so nice comments. Haulers are still picking up garbage curbside, which has increased at this time. Commissioner Jenkins reported that the archery building is almost complete. Christopher Crockett, Deputy County Attorney, said that the Governor suspended the regular Commission meeting requirements and allowed the county to meet electronically. All participants are in separate locations, maintaining a safe distance, and are able to continue the essential services. He said that this is an example of staying safe but still moving forward in a time like this because government has a fiduciary responsibility to provide essential services to its citizens. He emphasized that there are a lot of reasons why government needs to keep functioning. To add to what Mr. Hatch had said regarding critical functions by the Clerk/Auditor's Office, the Attorney's Office has received a number of questions from the Health Department, which has to be very mindful of people's rights throughout this pandemic. A lot of issues and concerns arise, including those related to quarantine, and a lot of preparation is needed. Human Resource Policies had to be modified to protect employees, the Sheriff's Office has to consider how to protect the inmates, etc. Chair Froerer stated that this is a difficult time but that we have the choice to look on the positive side, consider how to improve, and come out better.

H. ADJOURN

Commissioner Jenkins moved to adjourn at 10:40 a.m.; Commissioner Harvey seconded.
Commissioner Harvey – aye; Commissioner Jenkins – aye; Chair Froerer – aye

Attest:

Gage Froerer, Chair
Weber County Commission

Ricky D. Hatch, CPA
Weber County Clerk/Auditor