

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

Tuesday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025 – 10:00 a.m.

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

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**WEBER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:** Sharon Bolos, Gage Froerer, and James "Jim" H. Harvey

**STAFF PRESENT:** Ricky Hatch, County Clerk/Auditor; Chris Crockett, Deputy County Attorney; and Janie Avery, of the County Clerk/Auditor's office, who took minutes.

**A. WELCOME:** Chair Bolos

**B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Todd Ferrario

**C. INVOCATION:** Ricky Hatch

**D. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:**

Chair Bolos: I wanted to take a moment to read a letter the Attorney's office received from Riverdale Police Chief Casey Warren:

**Weber County Attorney's Office- Investigator Steve Haney, Investigator Steve Zaccardi, Investigator Cameron Hartman, Attorney Nicholas Caine, Attorney Derek Malan, and Victim Advocate Jamie Pitt.**

On March 24, 2025, at approximately 2:45 PM, the Riverdale Police Department and Riverdale Fire Department were dispatched to 5100 South 1050 West in response to reports of a structure fire. Upon arrival, officers observed smoke coming from a trailer. They gained entry and discovered an unresponsive woman inside. Officers carried the woman to safety, but despite efforts to provide medical aid, she was unfortunately pronounced deceased at the scene.

Further investigation revealed that two small children were missing, along with the suspect—identified as their father, Ricardo Trujillo. An AMBER Alert was promptly issued. Thanks to the coordinated efforts of law enforcement, the children were safely located, and the suspect was taken into custody.

Investigators Steve Haney, Steve Zaccardi and Cameron Hartman with the Weber County Attorney's Office responded to the scene and provided critical support throughout the investigation. Their experience and expertise were instrumental in advancing the case and ultimately bringing the suspect to justice. Both investigators worked seamlessly alongside the Riverdale Police Department, ensuring a smooth and effective investigative process.

Weber County Attorneys Nicholas Caine and Derek Malan, along with Victim Advocate Jamie Pitt, also responded to the scene. Their early involvement and ongoing commitment to the case will be invaluable as the investigation concludes and prosecution proceeds.

All members of the Weber County Attorney's Office demonstrated exceptional professionalism and dedication throughout the investigation. Their contributions were vital in supporting the Riverdale Police Department and securing the arrest and charging of the suspect with Aggravated Murder.

I thought that was a great synopsis of our County Attorney's office support in that horrible crime committed in Riverdale. I appreciate that letter from Chief Warren.

**E. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

1. Mayor Mark Allen, Washington Terrace: I want to publicly thank Kevin Burns and his team of volunteers on the RAMP Board for how much work they do. I want to thank the county for getting RAMP back on the ballot for the last election. Washington Terrace was blessed this year to get funding for RAMP items.
2. Chris Crockett: During our staff meeting this morning, it came up how they were some bills in the last session that were influenced by the Commissioners. There is a lot of work that goes on behind the scenes. Thank you, Commissioners.

**F. PRESENTATIONS:**

1. Presentation of a Proclamation declaring April 21-28, 2025 as International Dark-sky Week in Weber County.

Commissioner Harvey: I want to give special recognition to Sara Toliver from Visit Ogden who helps keep us focused. I also want to thank Ron Gleason and Zach Thomas, as well as Marty Smith and Todd Ferrario from our Culture, Parks, and Recreation department who help us comply with this Dark Sky rating. The dark skies across the County are very important and we have an area east of our mountains that we make sure to preserve that Dark Sky class rating. The Proclamation today is about maintaining our important Dark Skies accreditation. The Proclamation reads as follows:

WHEREAS, the aesthetic beauty and wonder of a natural night sky is a shared heritage of all humankind; and

WHEREAS, the experience of standing under a starry night sky inspires feelings of wonder and awe, encouraging a growing interest in science and nature, particularly among young people and visitors from outside the local communities.; and

WHEREAS, light pollution has scientifically established economic and environmental consequences, which result in significant impacts on the ecology and human health of all communities; and 80 percent of the world's population, including most people in Weber County, lives under a dome of light pollution and may never experience the visual wonder of living under a dark sky; and

WHEREAS, light pollution represents a waste of natural resources amounting to roughly \$3 billion per year of wasted energy in the United States and contributes to diminished energy security; and

WHEREAS, Weber County is home to North Fork Park, the 21st International Dark Sky Park. North Fork Park is a destination for people who seek out the best, darkest skies. Astronomers and local organizations host star parties, eclipse viewing, and other dark sky events that draw locals and tourists to North Fork Park, and

WHEREAS, astrotourism not only provides an awe-inspiring experience but also brings significant economic benefits to Weber County. By attracting stargazers and astronomy enthusiasts, dark skies in Weber County boost local tourism, encourage longer stays, and increase spending in communities near North Fork Park. Additionally, astrotourism promotes environmental awareness and conservation efforts, ensuring that future generations can continue to enjoy the beauty of the night sky, and

WHEREAS, North Fork Park is home to dozens of nocturnal wildlife species—including several species of bats, owls, and rodents such as mice and voles —and these species rely on undisturbed night environments to hunt, mate, and thrive; and

WHEREAS, DarkSky International, the globally recognized authority on light pollution, recognizes International Dark-Sky Week to raise awareness of the effects of light pollution, provide free education, resources, and solutions to the public, and encourage the protection of and enjoyment of dark skies and responsible outdoor lighting.

Now, Therefore, The Weber County Commissioners, do hereby declare April 21 – 28, 2025 as INTERNATIONAL DARK-SKY WEEK in Weber County, Utah and ask each resident to join us not only in observing and pondering upon this important week but also in raising awareness and support for protecting our precious dark sky as a resource.

Dated this 15<sup>th</sup> day of April 2025

Mr. Zach Thomas: I thank you for your support of Dark Skies over the years, Commissioners. This year, 2025, is the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of North Fork Park becoming an International Dark Sky park. Weber County is joining hundreds of cities, counties, and states across the country in declaring this upcoming week as International Dark Sky Week. It's an important cause from the environmental and health concerns. It's always said that light pollution is the easiest form of pollution to solve because we can flip a switch or put a shield on our lights. I want to thank Todd Ferrario and the whole Weber County Parks crew; they always ask what they can do to help in the Dark Sky effort.

#### **G. CONSENT ITEMS:**

1. Purchase orders in the amount of \$203,345.98.
2. Warrants #104790-104830 and #490283-490402 in the amount of \$1,721,369.01.
3. Summary of Warrants and Purchase Orders.
4. ACH payment to Zions Bank in the amount of \$282,336.88.
5. Minutes for the meetings held on March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025 and April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025.
6. New business licenses.
7. Settlement agreement in District Court case number 25090094.

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

#### **H. ACTION ITEMS:**

1. **APPROVE APPOINTMENT OF A MEMBER TO THE MULTI-COUNTY APPRAISAL TRUST (MCAT) BOARD.**

Chair Bolos: Jared Preisler has expressed interest in this appointment and I think this is good representation for our County.

Commissioner Harvey moved to approve appointment of Jared Preisler to the Multi-County Appraisal Trust (MCAT) Board; Commissioner Froerer seconded with comment: This Board is a great benefit to the state and I think it's important we have someone local on that board.

Chair Bolos – aye; Commissioner Froerer – aye; Commissioner Harvey – aye

2. **APPROVAL OF RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE 2025 TTAB LEGACY GRANTS FROM THE TOURISM, TAX ADVISORY BOARD.**

Todd Ferrario (Culture, Parks, and Recreation): This year we putting forward 14 grant recipients for a total of \$36,180. There are equestrian events, youth and adult sport events, arts, and music. From an economic impact, this is pushing 10k room-nights.

Commissioner Froerer moved to approve recommendations for the 2025 TTAB Legacy Grants from the Tourism, Tax Advisory Board; Commissioner Harvey seconded.

Chair Bolos – aye; Commissioner Froerer – aye; Commissioner Harvey – aye

3. **APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 22-2025 OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WEBER COUNTY APPOINTING A MEMBER TO THE FRIENDS OF THE FAIRGROUND ADVISORY BOARD.**

Duncan Olsen (GSEC Director): Former Weber County Sheriff lieutenant Courtney Ryan has expressed interest in joining our Board. We have a special relationship with him as he was our liaison for several years. He really wants to get involved again and be a part of the fun at the fair.

Commissioner Harvey moved to approve Resolution 22-2025 of the County Commissioners of Weber County appointing a member to the Friends of the Fairground Advisory Board; Commissioner Froerer seconded.

Roll Call Vote: Chair Bolos – aye; Commissioner Froerer – aye; Commissioner Harvey – aye

**I. ADJOURN**

Commissioner Harvey moved to adjourn at 10:23 am; Commissioner Bolos seconded

Chair Bolos – aye; Commissioner Froerer – aye; Commissioner Harvey – aye

Attest:

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Sharon Bolos, Chair  
Weber County Commission

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Ricky D. Hatch, CPA  
Weber County Clerk/Auditor