

**MINUTES  
OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF WEBER COUNTY**

Tuesday, April 28, 2015 - 10:00 a.m.

Commission Chambers, 2380 Washington Blvd., Ogden, Utah

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**COMMISSIONERS:** Kerry W. Gibson, Chair, Matthew G Bell and James Ebert.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Chris F. Allred, County Attorney; Lynn Taylor, County Clerk/Auditor Chief Deputy; and Fátima Fernélius, of the Clerk/Auditor’s Office, who took minutes.

- A. WELCOME** – Chair Gibson
- B. INVOCATION** – Katrina Gibson
- C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Lynn Taylor
- D. THOUGHT OF THE DAY** – Chair Gibson

**E. PRESENTATIONS:**

**2. PRESENTATION OF THE SERVICES THAT THE WEBER/MORGAN HEALTH DEPARTMENT PROVIDES AND PROMOTES FOR THE COMMUNITY LIVING IN WEBER COUNTY**

Brian Bennion, Weber/Morgan Health Department Director, noted that there are a lot of community partners. He gave an overview of the many services that the Health Department provides, such as inspecting public water systems, inspecting restaurants, immunizations, the Women Infants and Children’s program, motor vehicle safety, issuing birth and death records, emergency preparedness. The commissioners expressed gratitude to Mr. Bennion.

**3. PRESENTATION OF THE STATE OF THE COUNTY**

Chair Gibson reported that the state or our county is extremely strong and the future is brighter than ever. The county has become one of the premier locations in the nation, to live and to do business. He referred to the diverse landscape and the unique balance of culture venues and arts, independently owned restaurants, farmlands, over 450 miles of trails, exciting nightlife, a backyard access to year-round high adventure and countless recreation opportunities. Our capital city has been changed for the better since the reopening of the Latter Day Saint Temple (with nearly 1 million visitors, more than to any single event in the county’s history, even the Olympics), and he expressed thanks to the leaders of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints for their tireless commitment to help us rebuild economically and spiritually. As a result of many citizen’s hard work, we have seen economic prosperity that is the envy of the nation and phrases such as “best place to live and work,” “best place to do business,” and the “best place for recreation and family” have been used to describe our community. He said that the County Commission is united in purpose and works hard to be fiscally prudent and have managed smarter without asking for more from taxpayers, who received an average decrease of \$10/\$100,000 residence as part of the Sheriff’s realignment of cost of service to cities. The county has healthy fund balances that exceed the industry’s standards and recently received the AAA bond rating for the second consecutive year and is one of only 7 counties west of the Mississippi with this type of rating. The county strives to increase transparency and in January became the first county in Utah to live-stream Commission meetings and more financial details are being presented in these meetings. He expressed thanks to the great public servants of the county, elected officials and citizens, including Lt. Nathan Hutchinson who was shot four times as he courageously rushed toward an active killer in an attempt to rescue his fallen comrades in 2012. Commissioner Bell expressed thanks for Commissioner Gibson’s leadership stating that he is president of UAC and puts in a lot of time into his many boards. Commissioner Bell said that newly elected Commissioner Ebert is a joy to work with and works very hard. Commissioner Ebert said that the Commission has a very strong vision; they are laying out a plan to meet present and future needs and they will continue to work diligently.

**1. PRESENTATION OF WEBER COUNTY HERO AWARD**

Lt. Nathan Hutchinson received the Weber County hero award. County Sheriff Terry Thompson said that Lt. Hutchinson willingly/voluntarily put himself directly into the line of fire of an active killer, repeatedly, in an effort to save the lives of his fellow officers in January 2012, and that without Lt. Hutchinson's actions some of them would not be here today. He expressed gratitude for Lt. Hutchinson, who has received some prestigious local and national honors, including the Congressional Badge of Bravery and the President's Medal of Valor. He said that Lt. Hutchinson is a wonderful friend, coworker, father, son, etc. who has a great attitude. Lt. Hutchinson is humbled and expressed thanks for the kind words saying that he is not an eloquent speaker. He said that he wanted to work in the Sheriff's Office from childhood and loves Weber County. Commissioner Ebert said that it is important to have role models and this is an opportunity for us to celebrate the positives of humanity.

**F. CONSENT ITEMS:**

1. Purchase orders for \$85,691
  2. Warrants #320416-#320769 for \$4,657,166.65
  3. Minutes for the meeting held on April 21, 2015
  4. New business license
  5. Contracts for Recreation, Arts, Museums and Parks (RAMP) grants:  
Farr West City-Smith Family Recreation & Sports Park – Contract C2015-147  
Farr West City-Smith Family Recreation Park Horse Riding Arena – Contract C2015-148
- Commissioner Bell moved to approve the consent items; Commissioner Ebert seconded.  
Commissioner Bell – aye; Commissioner Ebert – aye; Chair Gibson – aye

**G. ACTION ITEMS:**

**1. AMENDMENT TO AN ASSESSMENT ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE SUMMIT MOUNTAIN ASSESSMENT AREA – ORDINANCE 2015-4**

John Bond, County Treasurer, stated that the county partnered with Summit Mountain Holding Group to help facilitate a bond that the owners in that area will pay back over 20 years. An Assessment Area was created and now constitutes several properties and the bondholders will receive an annual payment starting in July. He said that Zions Bank, county financial advisor, will help manage the billings and payments. Alan Westenskow, of Zions First National Bank Public Finance, said that when bonds were issued in August/September 2013 there were 1,700 acres with one owner and no development. The bonds were to finance infrastructure (roads/water/sewer), which would be ultimately owned by public government, to facilitate development of that area. Each of those properties has an assessment and is required to make payment on the bond; the county is not responsible to make the payment. As subdivisions are approved, the Assessment Ordinance will be amended and recorded so that prospective owners can know that there is an assessment on the property. There have been 115 properties platted thus far and will be recorded.

Commissioner Bell moved to adopt Ordinance 2015-4 amending the Assessment Ordinance relating to the Summit Mountain Assessment Area; Commissioner Ebert seconded.  
Commissioner Bell – aye; Commissioner Ebert – aye; Chair Gibson – aye

**2. FIRST READING - UPDATED CONFLICT OF INTEREST ORDINANCE 2.9.1H.**

This item is on the agenda for a first reading; therefore no action was taken today. Lynn Taylor, of the County Clerk/Auditor's Office, said that in reviewing policies and ordinances, the Clerk/Auditor discovered that this ordinance needed to be updated. It will mirror Salt Lake County's ordinance.

Commissioner Bell moved to approve the first reading of the updated Conflict of Interest Ordinance 2.9.1h.; Commissioner Ebert seconded.  
Commissioner Bell – aye; Commissioner Ebert – aye; Chair Gibson – aye

**3. ORDINANCE ADDING CERTAIN FEES TO THE WEBER COUNTY FEE ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE ORDINANCE 2015-5**

Steffani Ebert, of the County Sheriff's Office, stated that there were minor changes to the fees.

Commissioner Bell moved to adopt Ordinance 2015-5 adding certain fees to the Weber County Fee Ordinance relating to the Sheriff's Office; Commissioner Ebert seconded.

Commissioner Bell – aye; Commissioner Ebert – aye; Chair Gibson – aye

**4. FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE MAKING CERTAIN CHANGES TO THE WEBER COUNTY FEE ORDINANCE RELATING TO COUNTY PARKS**

Jim Harvey, with Golden Spike Event Center, stated that this ordinance relates to recreation facilities, which includes Golden Spike Event Center. He noted the fee increase to use the Recreation Hall.

Commissioner Ebert moved to approve the first reading of an ordinance making certain changes to the Weber County Fee Ordinance relating to County Parks; Commissioner Bell seconded.

Commissioner Bell – aye; Commissioner Ebert – aye; Chair Gibson – aye

**5. CONTRACT WITH OGDEN FRIENDS OF ACOUSTIC MUSIC (OFOAM) FOR THE 3<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL ROOTS & BLUES FESTIVAL AT NORTH FORK PARK ON AUGUST 21-23, 2015 – CONTRACT C2015-149**

Jim Carter, with County Parks, presented this contract.

Commissioner Bell moved to approve Contract C2015-149 with OFOAM for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Roots & Blues Festival at North Fork Park on 8/21-23/2015; Commissioner Ebert seconded.

Commissioner Bell – aye; Commissioner Ebert – aye; Chair Gibson – aye

**6. CONTRACT WITH OGDEN FRIENDS OF ACOUSTIC MUSIC (OFOAM) FOR THE 8<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL OGDEN MUSIC FESTIVAL AT FORT BUENAVENTURA ON MAY 29-31, 2015 – CONTRACT C2015-150**

Jim Carter, with County Parks, presented this contract.

Commissioner Ebert moved to approve Contract C2015-150 with OFOAM for the 8<sup>th</sup> annual Ogden Music Festival at Fort Buenaventura 5/29-31/2015; Commissioner Bell seconded.

Commissioner Bell – aye; Commissioner Ebert – aye; Chair Gibson – aye

**7. CONTRACT WITH AMERICAN LONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION TO HOLD ALRA MEETINGS AND RANGE DAYS ON VARIOUS DAYS THROUGH 2015 – CONTRACT C2015-151**

Jim Carter, with County Parks, presented this contract.

Commissioner Bell moved to approve Contract C2015-151 with the American Long Rifle Association to hold ALRA meetings and range days on various days through 2015; Commissioner Ebert seconded.

Commissioner Bell – aye; Commissioner Ebert – aye; Chair Gibson – aye

**H. ASSIGN PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & THOUGHT OF THE DAY FOR TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2015 AT 10 A.M.**

**I. PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

**J. ADJOURN**

Commissioner Ebert moved to adjourn at 11:28 a.m.; Commissioner Bell seconded.

Commissioner Bell – aye; Commissioner Ebert – aye; Chair Gibson – aye

Attest:

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Kerry W. Gibson, Chair  
Weber County Commission

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Ricky D. Hatch, CPA  
Weber County Clerk/Auditor