

MINUTES
WEBER COUNTY COMMISSION

Tuesday, May 7th, 2024 – 10:03 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; and Craig D. Brandt, of the County Clerk/Auditor's office, who took minutes.

A. WELCOME: Chair Harvey

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Shelly Halacy

C. INVOCATION: Jim Retallick

D. THOUGHT OF THE DAY: Commissioner Froerer: As we approach Mother's Day this Sunday, I want to take this opportunity to help everyone understand, as one who has lost their mother, the importance of mothers in our society. The driving force for a lot of us has been the inspiration, the guidance, and the education received from our mothers. It's hard to describe the significance of what they contribute to each and every one of our lives. There are a couple of quotes that reflect my feelings. The first, "A mother is she who can take the place of all others but whose place no one else can take." The second quote is, "Happiness is seeing your mother smile." I remember times my mom smiled and times she didn't smile at me that much. But when she did smile at me, it was always a great feeling. If she was here today, I would tell her, "I want to wish you a very happy Mother's Day and let you know how much I appreciate all that you do and have done for us. Thank you for being an amazing mom. Your love and support have actually been my guiding light through all my struggles. I am and will be forever grateful for everything you have done in my life."

Commissioner Bolos: I feel the same about my mother and I miss her. But I also have the great honor of being a mother and that is one of the greatest blessings I have ever had, to influence children and watch them grow and develop into the kind of people you want them to be.

E. PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Carolyn Brierley, former Ogden City Special Event Coordinator: I am here today to give background on the Ogden Marathon coming up on May 18th. In September of 2001, Mayor Godfrey called me and said he wanted to have a marathon. At that time we needed permits from the Forest Service, BLM, Highway Patrol, all the departments in Weber County, and of, course, Ogden City. I was not worried because I knew we would never get permission to run down Ogden Canyon. The final permit came in the third week of January. I told the Mayor all permits are in so let's plan for next year. He said, "No, I want to do it Cinco de Mayo this year." I said, "Mayor, that's only four and a half months away." He said, "I don't care. Bigger things than this have been pulled off in less time. Just do it." So with a \$5k budget, Brian Green and I pulled off a marathon relay that first year; each relay team was required to provide one volunteer. There were 620 runners in that first marathon. The largest marathon we had was 11k runners, including all races. We have a huge festival on the line and a VIP tent called the Lounge on the Line where the very best breakfast is served at 7am and the very best lunch is served at 11am. I am here to invite the Commissioners to give a VIP pass to whoever they would like to come see the awesome things that take place when the runners cross the finish line. This marathon has a huge economic impact to the county and the city. And it is rated as one of the top ten marathons in the nation. We have had participants from every state and 10 foreign countries.

Chair Harvey: All three of us have participated in this event in one year or another. And next year we will have all three of us competing as a team.

Commissioner Bolos: Is that a promise?

Chair Harvey: It is for me. What about you, Commissioner Froerer?

Commissioner Froerer: Absolutely!

Chair Harvey: Commissioner Froerer will be running the first 20 miles, Sharon will take the next few, and I'll have enough wind for the last 100 feet.

F. PRESENTATION:

1. Presentation of Mothers of the Year:

Kaelynn Studebaker – Weber County

Debbie Stanger – Marriott-Slaterville City

Sharon Muirbrook – North Ogden City (will be honored at a future date)

Monica Godfrey – Ogden City and Utah State

Commissioner Harvey: We want to thank you so much for that example and what you've done. You are the face of Mother's Day this year.

Commissioner Bolos: When we were presented with these names, I wanted to write a note to each of you in the book we have for you. I did a little research to learn a little more about each of these women and their great examples. I am grateful for their impact on our community and their examples of motherhood.

Commissioner Froerer: If you look at these four young ladies, they are a testimony of what we see that makes this community and state great. I have been involved with Mayor Godfrey and Monica over the years as I served in the legislature and I would get an occasional call from Matthew about what I was doing wrong and to get my act together. But I always heard Monica in the background so I knew where he was getting his instructions and that is always a good thing. Congratulations to these ladies.

Kaelynn Studebaker: I am grateful for this opportunity. I have such a passion for motherhood and our children. I grateful I have been blessed to have children and grateful for the opportunities to help and teach children in my life.

Debbie Stanger: I just want to thank you for this honor. It was a choice experience reevaluating your whole motherhood, the good and the bad. My family and I have done the parade at Plain City for 24 years and I gave that up this year, so that has been a little hard. For me, being a mom meant everything; we tried for seven years and we'd kind of given up. Something got fixed and here I am with five kids and 14 grandchildren. I love being a mom, it's all I ever wanted to be. I had great parents who set great examples.

Monica Godfrey: Thank you so much, this is a very kind honor. I am grateful to have the opportunity to be a mother and grandmother. I'm just grateful for children in our lives and I hope we can all help mentor young moms and help all the children feel peace and security and happiness in this life.

G. CONSENT ITEMS:

1. Warrants #101762-101835, #483898-484035 in the amount of \$707,015.50.
2. Purchase orders in the amount of \$265,847.86.
3. Summary of Warrants and Purchase Orders.
4. Minutes for the meetings held on April 30th, 2024.
5. New business licenses.

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

H. ACTION ITEMS:

1. APPROVE 2024 EZ R.A.M.P. GRANT RECOMMENDATIONS.

Shelly Halacy (Commission Office): I want to thank our entire board for the many, many hours they put in for RAMP. They put forth an incredible effort and it creates a great product in RAMP. We are losing four of our great board members this year: Sunni Wilkinson, Sara Urry, Sheri Bingham, and Lacy Richards. We have tokens of appreciation for them.

Lacy Richards (RAMP Tax Advisory Board, Chair): It has been an absolute honor to serve the two terms on the RAMP board. It is my privilege to present the RAMP board's recommendations for EZ Grant funding. \$80k is available, 64 requests were submitted totaling \$116,421.73, of which 69% can be funded. I want to thank Stacy and Shelly as they do so much work for this program to keep it running smoothly; there are a lot of moving pieces, a lot of applications to track and make sure are done correctly. I really appreciate their efforts.

Commissioner Froerer: I think we need to recognize the work done by the board and Shelly and Stacy. I am just amazed at the process they go through that benefits literally the entire County. A lot of these funds come from outside dollars and sales tax. Just to remind everyone, RAMP tax renewal will be on this year's ballot. I would urge everyone in the community to go out and make sure they vote for that renewal.

Commissioner Bolos: I want to thank Lacy for her many years spent on RAMP. As a mayor, my city was a recipient of millions of dollars of RAMP funds. As my friend, Lacy would tell me of the hours and hours she spent going over applications. Then when I got into this office, I found out Shelly works in a cave of paper for several weeks buried in applications. It is phenomenal the amount of work required, especially from

those who volunteer. Commissioner Harvey and I were at a ribbon cutting in Washington Terrace last week where their mayor and city manager remarked how appreciative they are for RAMP funds. Thank you so much to those who work hours and hours to make that happen for our communities.

Commissioner Bolos moved to approve 2024 EZ R.A.M.P. Grant recommendations; Commissioner Froerer seconded.

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

2. **APPROVE A COMMERCIAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH DIAMOND TREE EXPERTS FOR GREEN WASTE GRINDING AT THE WEBER COUNTY TRANSFER STATION.**

Sean Wilkinson (Director, Community Development): Diamond Tree has done our green waste grinding at the transfer station since 2021. We have requested a couple of insurance provision changes. The addendum to this contract will cover the remaining three service dates of this fall and two next year.

Commissioner Froerer: I visited at the transfer station and was amazed at what they do out there converting the piles of green waste to usable products for peoples gardens or landscaping.

Commissioner Froerer moved to approve a Commercial Services Agreement with Diamond Tree Experts for Green Waste Grinding at the Weber County Transfer Station; Commissioner Bolos seconded.

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

3. **APPROVE A CONTRACT WITH MORGAN ASPHALT TO IMPROVE THE EAST SIDE OF 4300 WEST IN FRONT OF THE NEW HIGH SCHOOL SO IT HAS UNIFORM GRADE AND DRAINAGE.**

Jim Retallick (Public Defender Director): Brady is picking up a contract vacated recently by Francisco Roman. Brady just won a couple of significant Appeals court decisions. We are very fortunate to have him.

Commissioner Froerer moved to approve an Agreement with Brady G. Stuart to represent indigent persons in the Second District Court when appointed by the court; Commissioner Bolos seconded.

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

I. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS: NONE.

J. ADJOURN

Commissioner Bolos moved to adjourn at 10:37 am.; Commissioner Froerer 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