

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

Tuesday, May 16, 2017 - 10:00 a.m.

Commission Chambers, 2380 Washington Blvd., Ogden, Utah

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**WEBER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:** James Ebert, Kerry W. Gibson and Jim Harvey.

**OTHER STAFF PRESENT:** Ricky D. Hatch, County Clerk/Auditor, David C. Wilson, Deputy County Attorney; and Fátima Fernelius, of the Clerk/Auditor's Office, who took minutes.

**A. WELCOME** – Chair Ebert

**B. INVOCATION** – Chris Ward

**C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Paige Greenhalgh

**D. THOUGHT OF THE DAY** – Commissioner Harvey

**E. PRESENTATION ON THE WEBER COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

Sarah Swan, Administrative Services Director, noted that her department is comprised of Human Resources and Information Technology. She expressed thanks for the Commission and her staff's support. Their main focus is to change the corporate culture at the county and to move into the digital age. She highlighted recent employee events as well as planned future ones. Administrative Services has been working with the county's benefit broker to move toward an online benefit enrollment platform. The county has partnered with UCIP to utilize their bank of online training. They are updating the Personnel Policy manual and developing a performance management process. Chair Ebert noted the tremendous amount of work already accomplished in a short time. Commissioner Gibson introduced Shana Hunter, a valued employee since 1982, as the employee of the month. Ms. Hunter is retiring this year.

**F. CONSENT ITEMS:**

1. Warrants #416854-417062 and #1074-1077 in the amount of \$1,753,165.23.
2. Purchase orders in the amount of \$18,031.09.
3. Minutes held on ~~April 11~~, 18, 25, and May 9, 2017.
4. New business licenses.

Commissioner Gibson moved to approve the consent items, less the April 11, 2017 minutes; Commissioner Harvey seconded.

Commissioner Gibson – aye; Commissioner Harvey – aye; Chair Ebert – aye

**G. ACTION ITEMS:**

**1. CONTRACT WITH QUESTAR GAS COMPANY FOR A NATURAL GAS DELIVERY SERVICE AGREEMENT.**

Steffani Ebert, of the County Sheriff's Office, noted that an agreement was signed with Questar in 2012. It allows one of the Sheriff's Office meters off of the normal natural gas rate and into a transportation rate. They expect to save about \$25,000 for this year, about a 30% savings.

Commissioner Gibson moved to approve the contract with Questar Gas Company for a natural gas delivery service agreement; Commissioner Harvey seconded.

Commissioner Gibson – aye; Commissioner Harvey – aye; Chair Ebert – aye

**2. CONTRACT WITH OGDEN FRIENDS OF ACOUSTIC MUSIC FOR THE 10TH ANNUAL OGDEN FRIENDS OF ACOUSTIC MUSIC FESTIVAL AT FORT BUENAVENTURA ON JUNE 2-4, 2017.**

Todd Ferrario, Ice Sheet Manager, presented this contract.

Commissioner Harvey moved to approve the contract with Ogden Friends of Acoustic Music for the 10th Annual Ogden Friends of Acoustic Music Festival at Fort Buenaventura on 6/2-4/2017; Commissioner Gibson seconded.

Commissioner Gibson – aye; Commissioner Harvey – aye; Chair Ebert – aye

**3. EZ GRANT RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COUNTY RECREATION, ARTS, MUSEUMS AND PARKS COMMITTEE.**

Shelly Halacy, of the Commission Office, presented the EZ grant (\$2,000 or less) recommendations.

Commissioner Gibson moved to approve the EZ grant recommendations from the Weber County Recreation, Arts, Museums and Parks Committee (RAMP); Commissioner Harvey seconded.

Commissioner Gibson – aye; Commissioner Harvey – aye; Chair Ebert – aye

4. **INTERLOCAL AGREEMENTS FOR THE ELECTIONS DIVISION TO PROVIDE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES FOR THE 2017 PRIMARY AND GENERAL ELECTIONS WITH THE FOLLOWING MUNICIPALITIES AND DISTRICTS:**

Farr West City	Riverdale City
Harrisville City	Roy City
Hooper City	South Ogden City
Hooper Water Improvement District	Taylor West Weber Water Improvement District
Huntsville Town	Uintah City
Mariott Slaterville City	Uintah Highlands Improvement District
North Ogden City	Washington Terrace City
North View Fire District	Weber Fire District
Plain City	West Haven City
Pleasant View City	Wolf Creek Water and Sewer Improvement District

Ryan Cowley, County Elections Director, stated that County Elections' goal is to provide voters a uniform voting experience. Staff has visited almost every city council meeting and special districts and, and there are great relationships and common goals. These contracts are in line with the ones from 2015. Commissioner Gibson noted what a monumental task it is to handle the complex elections for the many entities. He congratulated the Elections staff and expressed thanks.

Commissioner Harvey moved to approve the Interlocal Agreements with the above listed cities and service districts to provide administrative services for the 2017 Primary and General Elections; Commissioner Gibson seconded.

Commissioner Gibson – aye; Commissioner Harvey – aye; Chair Ebert – aye

5. **FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ORDINANCE FOR PINEVIEW & CAUSEY RESERVOIRS.**

Holin Wilbanks, County Public Affairs Director, noted that usage of Pineview Reservoir and surrounding beach and trail areas continues to grow and there are increased safety concerns. Last year the county formed a community advisory team comprised of a cross-section of users. One of their recommendations is to limit alcohol to designated areas. Another of their concerns is the issue of trash in/around the Reservoirs, the majority of which is related to alcoholic beverages. Lt. Brandon Toll, of the County Sheriff's Office, pointed out that the majority of incidents of lewdness, fights, DUIs with fatal crashes, drownings, etc., in Ogden Valley's recreation areas are alcohol related. The U.S. Forest Service has been a great partner in this. District Ranger Sean Harwood stated that this item had been well described. Doug Allen, Huntsville councilmember, applauded this ordinance and the Commission's work.

Commissioner Gibson moved to approve the first reading of the ordinance amending the alcoholic beverages ordinance for Pineview and Causey Reservoirs; Commissioner Harvey seconded.

Commissioner Gibson – aye; Commissioner Harvey – aye; Chair Ebert – aye

6. **FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING OVERNIGHT WATERCRAFT USE ORDINANCE FOR PINEVIEW RESERVOIR.**

Holin Wilbanks, County Public Affairs Director, noted that last year the county adopted the overnight anchor permit for the Reservoir. This ordinance allows for a season option to that permit, a good benefit for multiple night users. Chair Ebert stated that reports from Ogden Valley residents is that they have seen a tremendous difference in the behavior and self policing since the ordinances were adopted. Lt. Brandon Toll, of the County Sheriff's Office, concurred stating that multiple boaters have told marine deputies that it has turned out to be an enjoyable and quiet experience on the lake.

Commissioner Gibson moved to approve the first reading of the amending the alcoholic beverages ordinance for Pineview and Causey Reservoirs; Commissioner Harvey seconded.

Commissioner Gibson – aye; Commissioner Harvey – aye; Chair Ebert – aye

**H. PUBLIC COMMENTS** (all relate to the above Reservoir items):

Steve Luger, of Uintah, one of the boaters, said that having the law enforcement at Pineview did not help but the county starting actions last year was enough to allow boaters to start self-policing, which had the most impact, and the boaters should get the credit. Chair Ebert noted that the community had seen tremendous change in behavior and that it involved self policing. Mr. Luger said that the Commission took many email addresses last year relating to this item and had indicated that they would keep the boating community involved and informed, however, the boaters received emails on July 1 at about 4:50 p.m. regarding what would be occurring on Tuesday, July 5, which was not timely at all.

Mr. Luger requested that boaters be informed in a timely manner. Commissioner Harvey said that there will be more timely communication. He agrees with today's ordinances; he picks up the alcoholic beverage trash all the time. He also agrees with the season pass so boaters do not have to go back every night to renew the pass. He said that last year a commissioner had felt intimidated on the Sheriff's boat when boaters were acting in a threatening manner, but he could find no one who had been a part of that. Commissioner Gibson stated that it is obvious there have been problems there and feels that they are on the right path to correct them and that there has been progress. He asked Ms. Wilbanks to make sure that there is early communication.

Charles Gordon, of Layton, is an avid Pineview boater and runs the Pineview Boating facebook webpage. He is concerned with the overall fees—there is a fee to camp for out of towners, a fee to put their boats in, the overnight fees, etc. For a regular boater, like himself, who boats every other weekend it is costly, about \$300 a season just to be able to stay overnight on his boat. Last year he never saw a deputy sheriff on the water at night or that his boat was checked for the overnight pass. He asked where all that money is going; if he is paying all of this money for the deputy sheriff to be there then one needs to be present. He would like to see reasonable fees and to get what he is paying for. Last year he was attacked violently on his boat by a drunk. He filed a complaint with the Sheriff, pointing out the boat, the person's name and witnesses. The deputy did not want to confront the drunk because of the many boats around there. Mr. Gordon understood not confronting the person that night but he has talked with the deputies since and after one year it still is not addressed. He stated that self policing has helped a lot. Chair Ebert noted that Lt. Toll was present and would make sure those issues were addressed. County fees were based upon service call needs and law enforcement staffing, but this was implemented very late in the year and that is when the fees took effect. He noted that there are Forest Service launch mandated fees that are not related to the county's fees.

Doug Allen, of Huntsville, said that the county is doing a great job following up on this issue. New regulations take adjustments and awhile to get known. Permits are a record of who is out on the Reservoir. The population of Utah has grown tenfold since 1958 when the Reservoir was put in, and to his knowledge, with the exception of the one boat ramp at Anderson Cove and the Spring Creek parking area there has not been a single addition to the recreation facilities in the Ogden Valley. In 1975 signs appeared at the mouth of Ogden Canyon and on Hwy 89 that say, "Ogden Valley Recreation Area." These are State recreation signs but in the entire Upper Valley there is not a square inch of State owned/administered land. It is all either Forest Service or private. When boats, snowmobiles, etc., are registered a lot of money is being paid to the State and he wondered if some of it can be tapped into to help with law enforcement funding to help keep people safe. He expressed appreciation for the good work on these issues and stated that Huntsville residents are very happy with the efforts. Chair Ebert noted that the Forest Service is adamant about self inspection for invasive species and there is a requirement to get onto Pineview. Holin Wilbanks, County Public Affairs Director, will post this requirement and other information on the Pineview Boating website. Commissioner Gibson complimented the deputy sheriffs on their hard work.

**I. CLOSED MEETING TO DISCUSS STRATEGY RELATING TO THE PURCHASE OR SALE OF REAL ESTATE.**

Commissioner Gibson moved to convene a closed meeting to discuss strategy relating to the purchase or sale of real estate; Commissioner Harvey seconded.

Commissioner Gibson – aye; Commissioner Harvey – aye; Chair Ebert – aye

No Action was taken on the closed session.

**J. ADJOURN**

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

Commissioner Gibson – aye; Chair Ebert – aye

Attest:

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James Ebert, Chair  
Weber County Commission

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Ricky D. Hatch, CPA  
Weber County Clerk/Auditor