

MINUTES
WEBER COUNTY COMMISSION

Tuesday, June 7th, 2022 – 10:02 a.m.

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

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

STAFF PRESENT: Lynn D. Taylor, of the County Clerk/Auditor's office; Christopher Crockett, Deputy County Attorney; and Craig D. Brandt, of the Clerk/Auditor's Office, who took minutes.

A. WELCOME: Chair Jenkins

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Jill Devito

C. INVOCATION: Craig Brandt

D. THOUGHT OF THE DAY: Commissioner Jenkins: We all do uncomfortable thing in our lives. I've been doing uncomfortable thing this spring. We installed a drip system that we ordered online. I highly recommend using this system in your garden.

E. PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE.

F. CONSENT ITEMS:

1. Warrants #5640-5673 and #468410-468519 in the amount of \$461,769.00.
2. Purchase orders in the amount of \$66,325.78.
3. Summary of Warrants and Purchase Orders.
4. Meeting minutes for the meeting held on May 31, 2022.
5. ACH payment to USBank in the amount of \$247,967.81.
6. New business licenses.
7. New beer license.
8. Donation of "Impact Fees" in the amount of \$71,944.75 to Trails Foundation of Northern Utah for construction of a new section of the Weber River Parkway.
9. Contract with Utah State University Extension- Utah 4-H to provide a practice facility for 4-H members.

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

G. ACTION ITEMS:

1. **APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH WEBER SCHOOL DISTRICT TO DEVELOP A FORMAL COLLABORATIVE PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE CENTER OF EXCELLENCE AND WEBER ADULT EDUCATION.**

Melissa Freigang (Executive Director, Weber Prosperity Center of Excellence): In the past, zero percent of our families completed post-secondary education since 2017. Currently 23% of our families are pursuing their post-secondary.

Madeline McDonald (Community Liaison, WSD/Adult Education): Weber Adult Education has been in Weber County for the last 60 years. 18,000 residents in the county today without a high school diploma or GED. Current enrollment of 714 students, with 599 actively involved in school. Mostly direct teaching with very little online teaching. National average of eight attempts for an adult learner to complete an adult education program. Currently, our program is tracking to 169 graduates, compared to 113 last year. We partner heavily with Weber Technical College with some classes on their campus. We also partner with Weber Community Action Partnership. Though part of Weber School District, 100% funded through Utah State Board of Education and community grants. Our programs track above state averages. The proposed MoU will allow identification of students dealing with chronic intergenerational poverty and connect them with those resources available in the community. Students come into the program averaging a 3rd grade level of reading.

Ginny Thurgood, (Counseling Secretary): Everyone assumes the bad when looking at this program. There are reasons and stories for each person's situation. We want to remove barriers to their education. One ESL student has taken all 27 direct teaching classes in April. Her house caught on fire and she lost her car. She walked from Clinton to attend class, in spite of what happened.

Commissioner Froerer: I'm excited about these partnerships within our community.

Commissioner Harvey: Thank you so much for education us this morning. I had no idea there was a Weber County Adult Education. I appreciate you caring enough to help those who want a little more.

Chair Jenkins: I think this program has got better and better as time has gone on. I'm excited about the MoU.

Commissioner Harvey moved to approve a Memorandum of Understanding with Weber School District to develop a formal collaborative partnership between the Center of Excellence and Weber Adult Education; Commissioner Froerer seconded.

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

2. **APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH WEBER-MORGAN HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO DETECT AND MITIGATE THE SPREAD OF COVID-19 IN HOMELESS SERVICES SITES AND OTHER CONGREGATE LIVING FACILITIES.**

Melissa Freigang (Executive Director, Weber Prosperity Center of Excellence): As you know, when Covid hit we had to marshall all of our resources; a huge mobilization was required. 4 deaths out of 250 cases in first outbreak among homeless. No deaths on next two outbreaks. This grant from the Department of Health provides an FTE allowing continued efforts for Covid –related mitigation. Governor Cox said “the work in Weber County is the best kept secret in Utah”.

Chair Jenkins: We appreciate the work done by Melissa and her understaffed department during that time.

Commissioner Harvey moved to approve an agreement with Weber-Morgan Health Department to detect and mitigate the spread of covid-19 in homeless services sites and other congregate living facilities; Commissioner Froerer seconded.

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

3. **APPROVE A FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING FEES FOR THE WEBER COUNTY TRANSFER STATION AND OTHER SOLID WASTE FEES (SEC 16-2-9 SOLID WASTE FEES).**

Sean Wilkinson (Director, Community Development): Improve operational efficiencies and cover cost For services provided at the transfer station. Increases are necessary to cover effects of inflation, and increased costs to salaries, benefits, fuel and other operations costs. In addition, the county’s Solid Waste Transportation and Disposal contract with Republic Services calls for an annual 3% fee increase that was absorbed by the county last year. But due to additional fuel and transportation costs to Republic’s subcontractor for transportation, MBI, the 2022 annual increase is 7.9%, leading to July 1st tipping fee increase of \$3.65 per ton to a total of \$44.14 per ton. Other proposed cost increases include:

- \$5 for mattress and box springs, over two per load
- Screened fine mulch will go from \$15 to \$20 per yard and from \$4 to \$5 per bag
- Colored wood chips will go from \$25 to \$30 per yard and from \$5 to \$6 per bag

Proposed Ordinance adds fee schedule for residential solid waste collection and disposal services. A delinquent payment fee is also being added; fees collected via the county’s property tax notice billing and collection system with fees ranging from \$10 minimum to up to 25%, whichever is greater.

Commissioner Froerer moved to approve the first reading of an Ordinance amending fees for the Weber County Transfer Station and Other Solid Waste Fees (Sec 16-2-9 Solid Waste Fees); Commissioner Harvey seconded.

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

4. **APPROVE A CONTRACT WITH KILGORE COMPANIES, LLC FOR THE MILL AND OVERLAY PROJECT ON HIGHWAY 162 FROM THE POST OFFICE NORTH TO RIVER ROAD.**

Gary Myers (Manager, Engineering): Winning low bid of approximately \$140k.

Commissioner Harvey moved to approve the contract with Kilgore Companies, LLC for the mill and overlay project on Highway 162 from the post office north to River Road; Commissioner Froerer seconded.

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

5. **RATIFICATION OF THE 2022 WEBER COUNTY TAX SALE.**

April Hatfield (Clerk/Auditor Office): The County completed the 2022 Tax Sale on May 23rd, 2022. Tax sales are only for recovering tax money owed; overages go to the former owners or to Utah state unclaimed funds. Special thanks to Roger Bruncker for his expertise. 78 properties were eligible for tax sale at the beginning of the year compared to 95 in 2021 and 129 in 2020. Five properties were up for sale; all were abutting properties. Three of the five available properties were purchased by adjacent land owners. Clerk/Auditor’s office is not aware of any objections within the state mandated 10 day grievance period.

Commissioner Froerer moved to ratify the 2022 Weber County Tax Sale; Commissioner Harvey seconded.

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

H. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS: None.

I. ADJOURN

Commissioner Harvey moved to adjourn at 10:45 a.m.; Commissioner Froerer seconded.
Commissioner Froerer – aye; Commissioner Jenkins – aye; Chair Harvey – aye

Attest:

Scott K. Jenkins, Chair
Weber County Commission

Ricky D. Hatch, CPA
Weber County Clerk/Auditor