

MINUTES
WEBER COUNTY COMMISSION

Tuesday, June 18th, 2024 – 10:00 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 Jason Horne, of the County Clerk/Auditor's office; 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: Ashley Thoman

C. INVOCATION: Sean Wilkinson

D. THOUGHT OF THE DAY: Commissioner Harvey: We are honored to have our Congressional representative Blake Moore with us today. You are welcome to join us on the dais. Nelson Mandela said, "It always seems impossible until it's done." I had an acquaintance that said, "The difficult takes a while, the impossible takes just a little longer." In our lives we have a myriad of tasks whether they are home tasks, work tasks, church tasks, and personal fitness tasks. In our society, we are told you have to win, you have to win the contest, you have to be first. One of the great speed skaters of our time, Bonnie Blair said, "Winning doesn't always mean you're first. Winning means you're doing better than you've done before."

E. PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Leslie Stock, 24th Street, Ogden, UT: I bought land in Huntsville. I just watched a YouTube thing where developers are not being able to get water. The earth gives us a lot of snow and water every year. I heard 10 years ago about a sustainable method called Earthships. It uses water from the sky to garden inside, instead of outside. I had challenges with my outside garden due to grasshoppers; chemicals and organic methods were not working. I am a big advocate for the sustainable living offered from Earthships. It makes sense to start building more this way. I recommend looking into Earthships.

F. PRESENTATION:

1. Congressional Update.

Congressman Blake Moore: It's not easy to be in any type of political role so thank you for running things so well in Weber County. It's truly an honor to serve where I grew up. It's my fourth year in this seat where I have been elected to a leadership position in the House Republican Conference and I sit on the House Ways and Means Committee. One of the most specific things our team does that directly impacts the things we do here is the support of Hill AFB. We just passed in the House and sent to the Senate the 2025 National Defense Authorization Act with funding for the F-35 and Sentinel nuclear missile program. For the last 50 years we have been the nation's central point for nuclear deterrence. We have a strong landing gear industry here and we are working to keep and bolster that operation. We were able to get an additional \$30M for construction of hangars for F-35 sustainment. We need to continue with the A-10 divestiture. If we continue to bicker and not find our way forward, there will be a \$4.3T tax increase. The reason I wanted to be on the Ways and Means Committee is because that is where we deal with this particular issue. I believe we need to focus on making sure we are not taxed into oblivion. We have seen positive growth for lower and middle income Americans with much needed relief coming from child tax credit and doubling the standard deductions. All of this is up for renegotiation next year. One of the three tax teams I am on in International Competiveness; that team focuses on not wanting to be pay taxes to foreign governments when those taxes should be paid here. I appreciate all the support and involvement.

G. CONSENT ITEMS:

1. Warrants #102187-102249, #484731-484907 and #365 in the amount of \$2,615,194.06.
2. Purchase orders in the amount of \$265,295.12.
3. Summary of Warrants and Purchase Orders.
4. ACH payment to Zions Bank in the amount of \$265,295.12.
5. Minutes for the meetings held on June 11th, 2024.
6. Surplus 15 vehicles for Weber County Operations.
7. Retirement Agreement with Weston Voth.
8. Contract with Utah Holstein Association to hold the Weber County Dairy Days Event at the Golden Spike Event Center.
9. Right of Way Contract with Smith Rental to purchase right-of-way along 2550 South for corridor preservation.
10. Amended contract with USDA/NRCS to hire a consultant to prepare a watershed plan for the Utaba Dam.

This revision includes additional funds to select consultant (related to Item H1).

Commissioner Bolos moved to approve the consent items with changes as noted (name correction in Item G7 file, change 'shed' to 'plan' in Item G10); Commissioner Froerer seconded.

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

H. ACTION ITEMS:

1. **APPROVE A CONTRACT WITH FRANSON CIVIL ENGINEERS FOR SUPPLEMENTAL WATERSHED PLAN AND ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT.**

Ashley Thoman (Engineering): This is an agreement related to Consent Item G10 and is for the consultant to be hired in support of the Utaba Dam watershed plan. (Related to Item G10 above).

Commissioner Froerer moved to approve a contract with Franson Civil Engineers for supplemental Watershed Plan and Environmental Assessment; Commissioner Bolos seconded.

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

2. **APPROVE RESOLUTION 32-2024 OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WEBER COUNTY APPOINTING ONE MEMBER TO THE WEBER COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD.**

Chair Harvey: Several applications received with three names offered by the Library Board.

Commissioner Froerer moved to approve Resolution 32-2024 appointing Caitlin Gochnour to the Weber County Library Board; Commissioner Bolos seconded.

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

3. **APPROVE A CONTRACT WITH KNOWN2U FOR VENDOR DATA EXCHANGE.**

Emily Wilde (HR Director): This is a data exchange contract is to take Oracle data and send to our benefit vendors. The data is very technical and has specific formatting and needs to be sent weekly.

Commissioner Bolos moved to approve a contract with Known2U for vendor data exchange; Commissioner Froerer seconded.

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

4. **APPROVAL TO CERTIFY THE TAX RATES FOR 2024.**

Steffani Ebert (Clerk/Auditor's Office): I am here to present the 2024 tax rates. The Assessor's office has been working to value properties in the County and they have submitted those values to us. We have uploaded those to the state tax rate system who has in turn sent us a certified tax rate. We held a public hearing in November 28th, 2023 and decided to increase property taxes. I am here today to present and ask for your certification of those proposed tax rates for the entities in your charge for 2024.

Commissioner Froerer moved for approval to certify the tax rates for 2024; Commissioner Bolos seconded.

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

I. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

1. Request for a motion to adjourn public meeting and convene public hearings.

Commissioner Bolos moved to adjourn the public meeting and convene public hearings, 10:34 a.m.; Commissioner Froerer seconded.

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

2. Public Hearing to discuss amendments to the operating and capital budget of Weber County for the 2024 calendar year.

Steffani Ebert (Clerk/Auditor's Office): This is the quarterly budget amendment for the second quarter of 2024, as discussed in a prior Work Session on June 10th, 2024.

3. Public Comments: None.

4. Request for a motion to adjourn public hearings and reconvene public meeting.

Commissioner Froerer moved to adjourn the public hearings and reconvene public meeting, 10:37 am; Commissioner Bolos seconded.

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

5. Action on public hearing:

I2: Approval of Resolution 33-2024 amending the operating and capital budget of Weber County for the 2024 calendar year, 2nd Quarter.

Commissioner Bolos moved to approve Resolution 28-2024 amending the operating and capital budget of Weber County for the 2024 calendar year, 2nd Quarter; Commissioner Froerer seconded.

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

J. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

1. Commissioner Bolos: I noticed in Craig’s prayer he said our “county family”. I appreciated that...

K. ADJOURN

Commissioner Bolos moved to adjourn at 10:39 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