

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

Tuesday, July 8, 2014 - 10:00 a.m.
Commission Chambers, 2380 Washington Blvd., Ogden, Utah

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COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Kerry W. Gibson, Chair, Jan M. Zogmaister and Matthew G Bell.

OTHERS PRESENT: Ricky D. Hatch, County Clerk/Auditor, and David C. Wilson, Deputy County Attorney.

A. WELCOME – Chair Gibson

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Scott Parke

C. THOUGHT OF THE DAY – Commissioner Zogmaister

D. CONSENT ITEMS:

1. Purchase orders for \$249,373.92
2. Warrants #311100-#311270 for \$925,476.11
3. Minutes for the meeting held on July 1, 2014
4. ACH payment to US Bank for \$86,094.41 for purchasing card transactions ending June 16, 2014
6. Set public hearing for August 12, 2014, 10 a.m., regarding the vacation of a portion of an 1885 County Road associated with the proposed Best Subdivision at 1051 North 5900 East

Commissioner Bell moved to approve the consent items; Commissioner Zogmaister seconded, all voting aye.

E. ACTION ITEMS:

1. APPROVE THE WEBER COUNTY BOARD OF CANVASS FOR THE 2014 PRIMARY ELECTION

Jennifer Morrell, County Elections Director, referred to the canvass information before the commissioners and stated that her office took great care to ensure a solid chain of custody for all the ballots. She gave an overview of the votes cast including that there were 5,980 votes cast. There were 3,900 ballots mailed out (which had a return rate of 42%), while the voter turn out was 6% county-wide. She noted that a by-mail ballot costs about \$2.26 as opposed to the cost for a ballot cast at a polling location, which is \$6.92.

Commissioner Zogmaister moved to approve the Weber County Board of Canvass for the 2014 Primary Election; Commissioner Bell seconded, all voting aye.

2. APPROVE THE 2014 TAX RATES

Ricky Hatch, County Clerk/Auditor, outlined the process that the county uses to determine tax rates, noting that the Utah Tax Commission provides the certified tax rates and the county has the option to use them or set the rates lower or higher. The report before the Commission indicated the certified tax rates and the county's proposed tax rates. The county will use the certified tax rates.

Commissioner Bell moved to approve the 2014 tax rates; Commissioner Zogmaister seconded, all voting aye.

3. FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING FEES RELATING TO THE SOLID WASTE DIVISION OF THE WEBER COUNTY OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT

Gary Laird, of the County Solid Waste Division, noted that the county's compost facility has been operated at the Weber Central Sewer plant for about 13 years but it does not have the necessary space to produce the materials and compost has not been making any money. The sale of compost and material drop off will move to the Transfer Station, which affords more manpower and space to make the products. There was no scale available at the plant and they could only charge a per vehicle fee, which was not equitable, but at the Transfer Station they will be able to charge a rate per ton. They will keep the minimum of \$3 for weight under 250 pounds and over that will be prorated at \$26/ton.

Commissioner Bell moved to approve the first reading of an ordinance amending fees relating to the County Solid Waste Division; Commissioner Zogmaister seconded, all voting aye.

4. **RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE OGDEN VALLEY PLANNING COMMISSION AND THE WESTERN WEBER PLANNING COMMISSION – RESOLUTION 21-2014**

Sean Wilkinson, County Planning Division Director, noted that currently there are two terms on each of these Planning Commissions that are about to expire. The four positions were advertised. Two applications were received for the Ogden Valley and they were from two current members, John Howell and Laura Warburton. Three applications were received for the Western Weber County—two were from current members Wayne Andreotti and Douglas Hansen (who have served three terms each) and a new application from Roger Heslop. Commissioner Zogmaister noted that term limits have never been set.

Commissioner Bell moved to adopt Resolution 21-2014 appointing John Howell and Laura Warburton to the Ogden Valley Planning Commission and Wayne Andreotti and Roger Heslop to the Western Weber Planning Commission; Commissioner Zogmaister seconded and asked where the applicants reside. Chair Gibson said that Mr. Andreotti resides in the Warren area and Mr. Heslop and Mr. Hansen in West Weber.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Bell	aye
Commissioner Zogmaister.....	aye
Chair Gibson.....	aye

5. **RESOLUTION APPOINTING A BOARD MEMBER TO THE WEBER COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD – RESOLUTION 22-2014**

Commissioner Zogmaister stated that the Library Board members reviewed all the applications for this vacancy. Kathleen Herndon (Weber State professor) has served one term and because of her great work in the library board, the relationship with the University and the link that the county is reinforcing there, the board recommends Dr. Herndon as the first choice to serve one more term. The board’s by-laws have a two term maximum. Commissioner Zogmaister noted that it has been the Library Board’s policy to reappoint to a second term when an individual has served well.

Chair Gibson noted that there are two letters from the Library Board Chair requesting Ms. Herndon’s reappointment and offering their three top recommendations. Chair Gibson said that he appreciates Dr. Herndon’s service. The last time the Commission had discussion on library appointments, he had said that he would like to see Kathleen Jensen be appointed soon. He finds her qualified as well.

Commissioner Zogmaister stated that Dr. Herndon requested to continue serving and asked if the Commission was going to deny the request. Commissioner Zogmaister stated that she had discussions with Chair Gibson who agrees that the board should continue to vet the candidates, review the applications, make recommendations, etc. She understands that the Commission reserves the right to appoint whom they feel will best fill the position, and the board looked at several criteria including geographical area, ability for fundraising, etc., that they felt was important to the Commission and the Library Board.

Commissioner Bell moved to adopt Resolution 22-2014 appointing Kathleen Jensen to the Weber County Library Board; Commissioner Zogmaister seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Bell	aye
Commissioner Zogmaister.....	aye
Chair Gibson.....	aye

Commissioner Bell was excused at this point to attend another meeting.

F. ASSIGN PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & THOUGHT OF THE DAY FOR TUESDAY, JULY 15, 2014, 10 A.M.

G. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Kathy Gambles, of South Ogden, expressed thanks for the job that the commissioners do. She referred to the motto on the wall behind the commissioners, “to conduct the affairs of the county in such a way as to nurture public confidence” and stated how important that is. She voiced her disappointment in not honoring the Library Board’s request in moving forward in a cohesive manner to have good people available, when things are moving in such a positive direction and at a time when there have been some real challenges. It nurtures public confidence when there is the opportunity to go forward as things have been requested and put forth.

Chair Gibson said that if feels like some people expect the Commission to do what they want every time but that will not happen. The Commission is elected to make decisions on behalf of the entire county. He is very grateful for the role that the Library Board plays in recommending candidates. Ms. Gambles clarified that her disappointment is not against Ms. Jensen but that the Commission did not honor the Library Board’s first recommendation because with appointing someone new there is significant time needed to bring them up to speed with all that goes on with the libraries, and to lose the connection that has been developed over a period of time is a disappointment.

Scott Spencer, Library Board Chair, stated that the board has really appreciated Dr. Herndon, who has been a very strong member, and they would appreciate having her serve a second term, however, they are also very excited to have the new member join them and believe that Ms. Jensen will equally contribute.

H. ADJOURN

Commissioner Zogmaister moved to adjourn at 10:37 a.m.; Chair Gibson seconded, both voting aye.

Attest:

Kerry W. Gibson, Chair
Weber County Commission

Ricky D. Hatch, CPA
Weber County Clerk/Auditor