

MINUTES
WEBER COUNTY COMMISSION

Tuesday, August 9th, 2022 – 10:01 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: Ricky Hatch, County Clerk/Auditor; Christopher Crockett, Deputy County Attorney; and Lynn D. Taylor, of the County Clerk/Auditor's office, who took minutes.

A. WELCOME: Chair Jenkins

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Kristy Bingham

C. INVOCATION: Duncan Olsen

D. THOUGHT OF THE DAY: Commissioner Froerer: My favorite Garth Brooks songs says "if tomorrow never comes..". Two friends had accidents recently and one did not survive. My grandfather used to tell me that we have two great events in our lives. One is the day we are born and the other is the day we die; everything between we can live with. We need to remember that life is fragile and tomorrow may not come.

E. PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE.

F. CONSENT ITEMS:

1. Warrants #5971-6008, #469862-470054 and #191-197 in the amount of \$1,839,614.41.
2. Purchase orders in the amount of \$299,722.92.
3. Summary of Warrants and Purchase Orders.
4. ACH payment to USBank in the amount of \$245,865.44.
5. New business licenses.
6. Meeting minutes for the meeting held on August 2, 2022.
7. Sell surplus property identified as part of Parcel #04-022-0016.
8. Surplus a 2010 AM General Arm and a 2000 FORD F650 Dump Truck for the Weber County Transfer Station.
9. Surplus equipment from the Weber County Library.
10. Surplus the following vehicles from the Weber County Library:
 - 1995 Suzuki Sidekick
 - 2004 Tacoma Pickup
 - 2009 Ford Econoline E350 S
 - Kabota Tractor
11. Contract with Marco Barrientes for a 2022 Weber County Fair Jr. Livestock Judge.
Commissioner Harvey moved to approve the consent items; Commissioner Froerer seconded.
Commissioner Froerer – aye; Commissioner Harvey – aye; Chair Jenkins – aye

G. ACTION ITEMS:

1. **APPROVAL OF A SCOPE OF WORK AGREEMENT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE SERVICES REGARDING IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ICAN MODEL, DEVELOPING A COORDINATED SYSTEM WITHIN THE COMMUNITY TO ADDRESS THE NEEDS OF TANF ELIGIBLE FAMILIES.**

Chair Jenkins: This is the culmination of four years of work for Melissa and myself.

Melissa Freigang (Executive Director, Weber Prosperity Center of Excellence): Nycole Tylka from the Department of Workforce Services (Assistant Director for DWS over TNAF programs) and two families who want to share their experiences with the program. I want to talk about the resilience and courage of these families. As you know the system is difficult to navigate. The partners that are here today help ensure there is no duplication of services or missing services; we average 27 agency partners surrounding our families helping them move forward. We measure families against themselves using our baseline measurement tools. Each family is assigned a resource integration coach upon entering the program. (Resource integration coaches recognized).

Chair Jenkins: I had the chance the to sit and watch the resource integration coaches work and navigate through the system and it's truly a labor of love for what they do. And from my heart I appreciate you.

Mrs Freigang: I want to take a moment to have each of the attending partners introduce themselves. It's really about the human relationships and social capital. This is more about a long term assistance to help change the cycle for the children. Average family income moves from \$10,800 annually to \$28,735 on average for families employed. In Weber County IGP statistics, there are zero post-secondary degrees. In our ICAN families there is 45% post secondary enrollment.

Nycole Tylka (Assistant Director over TANF programs, Department of Workforce Services): TANF is a federally funded grant each state receives. The Department of Workforce Services (DWS) administers that grant for the state of Utah. As part of that grant, there is a required cash assistance program administered through DWS. Other TANF funds are allocated from legislative appropriations or the TANF spending plan. The Weber County ICAN program was funded in the last legislative session.

Mrs. Freigang: \$4.5M raised in the last three years for the ICAN program. I would love for our families to stand up and I invite the two that are comfortable speaking come forward to share their story. We are really focused on our employer partners now; and not just job placement but having them come to the table as partners. Northrop Grumman is getting kids in for tours onsite and getting them interested in careers. The magic in this program is the human-to-human, one-by-one connection that empowers.

Nathan Fernandez: I have a lot to say about this program. I experienced divorce and a broken family two years ago. I am a suicide survivor. I existed on my friend's couch for several months and had no ability to get myself treated for my problems. Through ICAN, I was able to understand how to apply for assistance I was absolutely needing; I was able to get on Medicaid; I was able to begin weekly therapy sessions for my serious issues neglected for many years; I had no food and they helped me get food through Catholic Community Services; when I explained I was existing on my friend's couch and saw no way out, they explained about rent relief program was available; they helped me get into a new place. I was able to get physical therapy for injuries. I was able to get a bus pass. I was able to be employed for twice I had been employed for before; I never thought that was possible. I felt powerless in that time of struggle. If I didn't have that help, I don't know if I would be here and if I could provide a safe, stable household for my kids to visit. I just wanted to say thank you for being willing to fund a program and staffed by people who care.

Liz Morrison: I have been part of ICAN program for the past two-three years. I can proudly say I am a recent BYU-I graduate with my bachelors degree and ready to start a job search. My oldest just graduated from high school and has a job at Costco and is on par to get his associate's degree in a year. I am very grateful.

Stephanie Winters: It's been about a year I've been working with ICAN; I was referred by my Bishop. I am a single mother of twins boys, one with autism. I'm making \$5 more an hour than before and not hurting my body doing housekeeping. It's very rare to find a program like this and I really consider them my friends. This is an amazing program. You make things better by making yourself better and this program is the embodiment of that. My kids are going to Boys and Girls Club and they want to continue going after school starts. It's a phenomenal program.

Chair Jenkins: This program was started by Commissioner Jim Ebert. Ever since I got here, the push for this program was to see if we could implement this on a much larger level. The program has been able to help 40 50 families at a time. I told Melissa before I left I wanted to get this program to a level that I could feel the difference. We have been to the state many times and they have never come through with funding, with it always being cut at the last minute. This funding will provide help four times over what could be done previously and serve hundreds of families and over 600 people. It's magic to watch this process work for families to overcome barriers. The system is tougher than we think even with DWS doing what they can. For some it's just not enough. Melissa is using TANF funds to do IGP work that is for all intents and purposes no longer funded by the state. This is the chance to scale this program to what we envision.

Commissioner Froerer: I want to thank Melissa for her efforts. As you know four years ago, I was not the biggest cheerleader for this program as I am an outcome-based guy and I wanted to see the outcomes before we spend government dollars on a program. You have convinced me this is something we as a community need to raise each other through a hand up not a hand out. This is something that needs to continue. We hope this can be a model for the entire state. If some of the state legislators could be in the room today, I think we might change some viewpoints. You've changed mine.

James Ebert (Boys and Girls Club): I have had an opportunity to spend some time with Melissa over the last couple of years. I just want to express my appreciation to Commissioner Jenkins and Commissioner Froerer. My congratulations to you on building this out program. I hope Commissioner Jenkins that in the next phase of your life there is some passion to continue this program. To do that, I think there needs to be a mindshift from intergenerational poverty to economic development. Maybe it's time for us to have conversations that it's not about a social service issue, it's about a quality of life issue, it's an economic development issue and capturing those to who we lost over time. Maybe we look at economic development under community development, which is more about quality of life.

Chair Jenkins: This has never been a 'hand out' program but, as Commissioner Froerer said, it's a 'hand up' program. We want those participating in the program to exit it with successes.

Mrs. Freigang: This is hard, emotional work. Sometimes agencies that provide services will feel threatened by these efforts when in fact this program actually enables access to more people to use those services. We have gotten a lot of professional and very personal pushback. We have done the modeling, there is a 1.5 times return on investment over 12 months. I appreciate the support from the Commissioner and hope the pushback will stop as they see we are creating a more synergistic environment.

Commissioner Froerer: Former Commissioner Ebert hit it right on the head when he said this is about economic development and putting people in the workforce and give them the opportunity to succeed.

Commissioner Harvey: Commissioner Jenkins, I appreciate the work and the sentiments you've shared. You passionately care about this program. Melissa I appreciate your work and the partners for supporting her. And for those in the program that shared their stories, thank you.

Commissioner Froerer moved to approve a Scope of Work Agreement with the Department of Workforce Services regarding implementation of the ICAN model, developing a coordinated system within the community to address the needs of TANF eligible families; Commissioner Harvey seconded.
Commissioner Froerer – aye; Commissioner Harvey – aye; Chair Jenkins – aye

2. APPROVAL OF SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENTS FOR AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT SLFRF FUNDS BETWEEN WEBER COUNTY AND THE FOLLOWING ENTITIES:

**BONA VISTA WATER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
GREEN HILLS WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT
LIBERTY PIPELINE COMPANY
OGDEN NATURE CENTER
TAYLOR-WEST WEBER WATER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
UINTAH CITY
WEBER BASIN WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT
WEBER HOUSING AUTHORITY
YOUTH IMPACT**

Sean Wilkinson (Director, Community Development): Late last year we put out an application process for interested entities to apply for available ARPA funds. 30 applications were received. Today we are approving several of those that represent a broad use of funding.

Commissioner Harvey moved to approve Subrecipient Agreements for American Rescue Plan Act SLFRF Funds between Weber County and the above listed entities; Commissioner Froerer seconded.
Commissioner Froerer – aye; Commissioner Harvey – aye; Chair Jenkins – aye

3. APPROVE A CONTRACT WITH THE UTAH YOUTH RODEO ASSOCIATION FOR UTAH YOUTH RODEO 2022-2023 EVENTS TO BE HELD AT THE GOLDEN SPIKE EVENT CENTER.

Duncan Olsen (GSEC): We just completed a successful 2022 Youth Rodeo. Sponsorship trade on some rates on the next Rodeo's contract. We love investing in these young cowboys.

Commissioner Harvey moved to approve the contract with the Utah Youth Rodeo Association for Utah Youth Rodeo 2022-2023 Events to be held at the Golden Spike Event Center; Commissioner Froerer seconded.
Commissioner Froerer – aye; Commissioner Harvey – aye; Chair Jenkins – aye

4. APPROVE A CONTRACT WITH THE STATE OF UTAH/ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE FOR A FORENSIC INTERVIEW GRANT.

Steffani Ebert (Clerk/Auditor's Office): These next two contracts provide services at the Children Justice Center (CJC) imperative to young children who have been in not very good situations. The first contract is for \$40k a year for the next five years for forensic interview services at CJC. The second contract is for \$273k a year for the next five years for the CJC. Together these represent a third of the CJC funding. Federal funding accounts for about 25% of total CJC funds, these grants make up almost 40%, and the rest is covered by Weber County.

Commissioner Harvey moved to approve the contract the State of Utah/Attorney General's Office for a Forensic Interview Grant; Commissioner Froerer seconded.
Commissioner Froerer – aye; Commissioner Harvey – aye; Chair Jenkins – aye

5. APPROVE A CONTRACT WITH THE STATE OF UTAH ATTORNEY GENERAL’S OFFICE FOR THE CHILDREN’S JUSTICE CENTER PROGRAM GRANT.

Steffani Ebert (Clerk/Auditor’s Office): see Item F4 above.

Commissioner Harvey moved to approve the contract with the State of Utah Attorney General’s Office for the Children’s Justice Center Program Grant; Commissioner Froerer seconded.
Commissioner Froerer – aye; Commissioner Harvey – aye; Chair Jenkins – aye

H. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

1. Commissioner Froerer: I’m excited about Fair week.

I. ADJOURN

Commissioner Harvey moved to adjourn at 11:00 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