

MINUTES
WEBER COUNTY COMMISSION

Tuesday, October 29th, 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: Ricky Hatch, County Clerk/Auditor; Lauren Thomas, of the County Attorney's office; and Craig D. Brandt, of the County Clerk/Auditor's office, who took minutes.

A. WELCOME: Chair Harvey

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Stacy Skeen

C. INVOCATION: Stephanie Russell

D. THOUGHT OF THE DAY: Commissioner Bolos: You have heard the phrase "people are a product of their circumstances". I have a different thought that says, "You are not a product of your circumstances; you are a product of your decisions." I think it's easy to fall back on our circumstances when things go wrong or get difficult or when we make poor decisions. I believe we can all overcome bad circumstances and make ourselves a product of our decisions regardless of our circumstances.

E. PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE.

F. CONSENT ITEMS:

1. Warrants #103409-103553, #487337-487507 and #396-397 in the amount of \$2,114,152.79.
2. Purchase orders in the amount of \$89,021.27.
3. Summary of Warrants and Purchase Orders.
4. Minutes for the meeting held on October 22nd, 2024.
5. New business licenses.
6. Contract with Inoel Chavez to hold the November 2024 Matched Races at the Golden Spike Event Center
Minutes for the meetings held on September 3rd & 10th, 2024.
7. Contract with US Department of Transportation for Causey Road Highway Easement allowing the county to continue maintenance on Causey Road.

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

G. ACTION ITEMS:

1. **APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 45-2024 APPOINTING A TRUSTEE TO THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE LITTLE MOUNTAIN SERVICE AREA.**

Stacy Skeen (Commission Office): Two midterm vacancies for employees representing Westinghouse whom no longer work there. Three applications were received with only one being qualified. It is proposed Bryan Hannah replace Eric Dodson as one of the Westinghouse representatives for the midterm position expiring December 31st, 2026. The remaining position will be reposted.

Commissioner Bolos moved to approve Resolution 45-2024 appointing a trustee to the Governing Board of the Little Mountain Service Area; Commissioner Froerer seconded.
Roll Call Vote: Chair Harvey – aye; Commissioner Bolos – aye; Commissioner Froerer – aye

2. **APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 46-2024 APPOINTING A REPRESENTATIVE AND AN ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE UTAH COUNTIES INDEMNITY POOL ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING.**

Lauren Thomas (Attorney's Office): Each year UCIP holds a meeting to select replacements for vacancies. In the past, it has been the Commissioners to fill these positions. The Commission will need to select two names; one as the representative and one as an alternate.

Chair Harvey moved to approve Resolution 46-2024 appointing Commissioner Gage Froerer as representative and Commissioner Sharon Bolos as alternate representative for the Utah Counties Indemnity Pool Annual Membership Meeting; Commissioner Froerer seconded.
Roll Call Vote: Chair Harvey – aye; Commissioner Bolos – aye; Commissioner Froerer – aye

3. **APPROVE A CONTRACT WITH LANDGATE CORP TO LIST THE WEBER COUNTY CAPPED LANDFILL TO THEIR WEBSITE.**

Stephanie Russell (Economic Development Director): Landgate is a marketing operation that is able to provide an intense database to list our closed landfill. We are currently seeking to install solar at our landfill. This is a free service.

Commissioner Froerer moved to approve a contract with Landgate Corp to list the Weber County capped landfill to their website; Commissioner Bolos seconded.

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

4. **APPROVE A CONTRACT WITH NORTHERN UTAH ECONOMIC ALLIANCE FOR MARKETING AND DATA SERVICES.**

Stephanie Russell (Economic Development Director): This is a new contract, not a renewal from the prior contract from the past five years. They facilitate both national and international site selection visits. They provide unique marketing services that we as a County cannot provide. This is a joint agreement with Davis County, Northern Utah Economic Alliance, and us.

Commissioner Froerer moved to approve a contract with Northern Utah Economic Alliance for marketing and data services; Commissioner Bolos seconded.

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

5. **ADOPT THE TENTATIVE OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGET FOR WEBER COUNTY FOR THE 2025 CALENDAR YEAR.**

Scott Parke (County Comptroller): This process started in August to begin gathering information for the 2025 budget. A copy of the proposed budget will be available on the [Weber County website](#) until the public hearing on November 26th where we will receive input from the public. A final budget will be adopted on December 17th. Some highlights from the proposed budget:

- Employees would receive 1.5% COLA and 2% pay-for-performance increases,
- Health insurance costs increased by 9.5%,
- Couple of new positions in the:
 - Attorney’s office,
 - Two resource officers for the new high school and junior high school,
 - Two full time workers in the Animal Shelter
 - Various grant-funded positions
- Also included is \$1.25M set aside for capital improvements under Culture, Parks, And Recreation that comes from tourism funds.
- There is \$10.5M set aside for other infrastructure and facility improvement projects paid from various funds, some of which are restricted for those specific improvements.
- There is about \$16M in ARPA funds left to be spent this year, some of which will spill over in to 2025.

Commissioner Bolos moved to adopt the tentative operating and capital budget for Weber County for the 2025 calendar year; Commissioner Froerer seconded.

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

H. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

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

Commissioner Froerer moved to adjourn the public meeting and convene public hearings, 10:21 a.m.; Commissioner Bolos 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.

Scott Parke (County Comptroller): The 2024 Budget has adjustments being proposed. Anytime we have an increase in revenue or expenses, by statute we have to have a public hearing, even in cases such as this one where we are increasing revenues and expenses by the same amount. We have received additional grant revenue of \$2.4M that we need to spend. We received \$100k donation to the Animal Shelter that we would like to use on capital improvements. And we have additional revenue to the Ice Sheet, Shooting Complex, and Building Inspection that we are asking permission to spend to help cover the cost of providing those services. There are other capital projects and repairs such as infrastructure at Eden Acres that will come from impact fees, repairs to paramedic vehicles coming from fund balance earmarked for that purpose, and some money that comes in for CRAs that we are required to pass through to the responsible agency. And one of the final items is a \$6M request that is not actually a budget increase for the Ogden Eccles Conference Center renovation but simply moving money from 2025's budget to 2024 since that project is a little ahead of schedule.

3. Public Comments: None.

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

Commissioner Bolos moved to adjourn the public hearings and reconvene public meeting, 10:25 am; Commissioner Froerer seconded.

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

5. Action on public hearing:

H2: Approval of Resolution 47-2024 amending the operating and capital budget of Weber County for the 2024 calendar year.

Commissioner Bolos moved to approve a Resolution 47-2024 amending the operating and capital budget of Weber County for the 2024 calendar year; Commissioner Harvey seconded.

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

I. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS: NONE.

J. ADJOURN

Commissioner Bolos moved to adjourn at 10:25 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