**MINUTES**

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

Tuesday, October 3, 2017 - 10:00 a.m.

Commission Chambers, 2380 Washington Blvd., Ogden, Utah

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**Weber County Commissioners:** James Ebert, Kerry W. Gibson and Jim Harvey.

**Other staff Present:** Ricky D. Hatch, County Clerk/Auditor,Bryan Baron, Deputy County Attorney; and Fátima Fernelius, of the Clerk/Auditor’s Office, who took minutes.

**A.** **Welcome** – Chair Ebert

**B. Moment of Silence**

**C. Pledge of Allegiance –** Paige Greenhalgh

**D. Thought of the Day –** Commissioner Harvey

**E. Presentations:**

 1. **Presentation of the American Flag.**

 John Ott, with American Warriors in Action, noted that they formed a group of veterans and their wives and teach elementary school students how to treat the American flag, how to fold it, etc. He introduced the group members present—Connie Ott, Margaret Roberts, and Larry Roberts. The veterans folded the flag that had been flown over the U.S. Capitol, and Ms. Ott explained the symbolism of the 13 folds. They presented the folded flag to the Commission with a certificate of authenticity. Commissioner Harvey noted that this group has shown the proper way to retire and show respect for the flag at the County Fair. Commissioner Gibson expressed gratitude for this group and to our veterans.

 2. **Presentation on the County Seat Annual Report.**

 Chad Booth, Executive Producer of the weekly County Seat television program—which addresses county issues and seeks to reach/engage the constituents—is very pleased with the success of the program and asked the Commission for topics they would like to be addressed. Commissioner Harvey would like for the program to address transportation opportunities specifically relating to 5600 S., Roy, surrounding Hill Air Force Base Museum and the Falcon Hill project. Chair Ebert would like discussion on vertical tax structure and encouraging mixed use development.

 3. **Presentation of the Weber County Library**.

 Lynnda Wangsgard, County Library Director, gave an update on the library system, including that the Main Library will have a rededication on April 4th. The North Branch will be rededicated in May. Even with the two library renovation closures, the public is racking up very impressive usage statistics, which she outlined. Some had predicted that ebooks would cause the demise of traditional book borrowing but every month circulation increases and is a significant service. Ms. Wangsgard outlined other library usage such as the significant gatherings in library meeting rooms and attendance at educational programs. Educational programs are filled to overflowing. She also highlighted the various upcoming programs. Chair Ebert congratulated Ms. Wangsgard for receiving an award for her work with continuing education.

**F. Consent Items:**

1. Warrants #1216-1223 and #421354-421599 in the amount of $2,608,825.35.

 2. Purchase orders in the amount of $537,682.50.

 3. Minutes for the meeting held on September 26, 2017.

 4. ACH payment to US Bank for $140,691.65 for purchasing card transactions through 9/25/2017.

 5. Retirement Agreement with Kathryn Larrison.

 6. Set public hearing for October 24, 2017, 10 a.m., to discuss & take public comment on a proposal to amend Weber County Code: Definitions (101-1-7) and Ogden Valley Signs (Title 110, Chapter 2) to amend provision related to flags, window signs and portable signs.

Commissioner Harvey moved to approve the consent items; Commissioner Gibson seconded.

Commissioner Gibson – aye; Commissioner Harvey – aye; Chair Ebert – aye

**G. Action Items**:

 1. **Request from the George E. Whalen Ogden Veteran's Home to have a Commission Member serve on the Veteran's Nursing Home Board.**

 Former Utah Representative Kirk Oda and Blake Wahlen, who serve on this advisory, addressed the Commission. The crystal bowl that the Commission had presented to the Nursing Home has been used almost 80 times for memorial services for the 80 veterans who have passed on during the past year. They are grateful to represent the veterans. Mr. Oda served with Commissioner Gibson at the legislature when the dire need in the State of Utah for nursing homes was being discussed. Currently, there is a 2-year waiting list at this Home and the need is still immense in the State. He described how Utah is lagging in homes and the difficulty in obtaining funds. The Ogden Nursing Home needs good solid representation on the board. The commissioners consider serving a complete privilege, offered to help in any way they can and have great appreciation for those individuals and their families.

Commissioner Gibson moved to appoint Commissioner Harvey to serve on the Veteran's Nursing Home Board; Chair Ebert seconded.

Commissioner Gibson – aye; Commissioner Harvey – aye; Chair Ebert – aye

 2. **Interlocal Agreement allowing North Ogden City to become land use & building permit authority for property in unincorporated Weber County being annexed into North Ogden.**

Sean Wilkinson, County Community Development Director, stated that this allows the developer to work with the city with its processes because the property will be annexed into this city.

Commissioner Gibson moved to approve the Interlocal Agreement allowing North Ogden City to become the land use and building permit authority for property in unincorporated Weber County that is being annexed into North Ogden City; Commissioner Harvey seconded.

Commissioner Gibson – aye; Commissioner Harvey – aye; Chair Ebert – aye

 3. **Interlocal Agreement with Huntsville Town for animal control services.**

 Ashley Haslam, with County Animal Control Services, briefly presented this contract extension.

Commissioner Gibson moved to approve the Interlocal Agreement with Huntsville Town for animal control services; Commissioner Harvey seconded.

Commissioner Gibson – aye; Commissioner Harvey – aye; Chair Ebert – aye

 4. **Amendment to contract with Salt Lake County to house Salt Lake County offenders in the Weber County Jail allowing the parties to modify by mutual agreement on the number of Salt Lake County inmates that may be house in the Weber County Jail.**

Steffani Ebert, with the County Sheriff's Office, presented this minor contract amendment that allows the parties to mutually agree on the number of inmates that will be housed at the Weber County Jail.

Commissioner Harvey moved to approve an amendment to the contract with Salt Lake County to house Salt Lake County offenders in the Weber County Jail allowing the parties to mutually modify the number of Salt Lake County inmates that may be house in the Weber County Jail; Commissioner Gibson seconded.

Commissioner Gibson – aye; Commissioner Harvey – aye; Chair Ebert – aye

Chair Ebert invited public comments prior to item G.5 below and following is a summary:

Jacqueline Thompson, of the unincorporated Roy area, thanked the Commission for listening to the many concerns from the public and thanked Charles Ewert for all the time he spent helping the residents better understand their non-conforming rights post annexation, etc., which she said was far more than residents received from the city during the same process last year. The city had agreed to put their intent in writing only as a result of the county’s requests. Many in the incorporated islands still feel that the process that took away their rights to be able to stop annexation was less than transparent, but they understand there is a financial burden on the county to continue supporting all of the county’s unincorporated islands. Residents will need to speak with county staff to better understand the property tax changes. A couple residents reported filing complaints on property code issues but have received no response from the county and feel that possibly the code enforcer no longer wants to deal with the islands’ residents, and they would like to be treated as county residents for as long as they are. Members of the public present today expressed many thanks to Ms. Thompson for all of her help with this issue stating that without her assistance in helping them with this annexation process and keeping them apprised of the issue it would have been an even greater debacle. The commissioners also thanked Ms. Thompson.

 5. **Resolution recommending the annexation of certain parcels within certain unincorporated islands into Roy City – Resolution 41-2017.**

Charles Ewert, of County Planning, stated that county staff attended Roy City’s council meeting and asked them for an on-the-record commitment to try and minimize the nonconformity issue as much as possible. The city has stated in writing from the Mayor and planner and verbally from the council and Attorney that they will do everything they can to make their zoning as consistent as it can be with the county’s zoning. Roy is working with Jacqueline Thompson (see above item). Mr. Ewert had spoken with the County Treasurer regarding the property tax changes on a general scale, but each parcel will need to be addressed individually. A map has been drafted identifying taxing units to help those residents. Regarding county code enforcement, Mr. Ewert said that each time a complaint is made, a file is opened and an investigation is conducted and sometimes there is no finding of a violation. Chair Ebert expressed appreciation for all the work on this item. He said that Senator Buxton is extremely pleased that the county took the time to interface with the residents about this process and to find resolution.

Commissioner Harvey moved to adopt Resolution 41-2017 recommending the annexation of certain parcels within certain unincorporated islands into Roy City; Commissioner Gibson seconded.

Commissioner Gibson – aye; Commissioner Harvey – aye; Chair Ebert – aye

 6. **Resolution appointing members to the Weber County Recreation, Arts, Museums and Parks Board (RAMP) – Resolution 42-2017.**

Shelly Halacy, of the County Commission Office, stated that notices of vacancies were published and the RAMP Board made the following appointment recommendations to the Commission: Lacey Richards and Renae Woods appointed as members of the Arts and Museums Committee for 3-year terms beginning October 3, 2017. Additionally, appointing Ann Parry as chair of the Advisory Board, Danette Pulley as chair of the Arts and Museums Committee, and Maresha Bosgieter reappointed as the Recreation and Parks Committee chair to 1-year terms beginning October 3, 2017.

Commissioner Harvey moved to adopt Resolution 42-2017 making the following appointments: Lacey Richards and Renae Woods appointed as members of the Arts and Museums Committee for 3-year terms beginning October 3, 2017. Additionally, appointing Ann Parry as chair of the Advisory Board, Danette Pulley as chair of the Arts and Museums Committee, and Maresha Bosgieter reappointed as the Recreation and Parks Committee to 1-year terms beginning October 3, 2017; Commissioner Gibson seconded.

Commissioner Gibson – aye; Commissioner Harvey – aye; Chair Ebert – aye

**H. Public comments:** None.

1. **Adjourn**

Commissioner Harvey moved to adjourn at 11:31 a.m.; Commissioner Harvey seconded.

Commissioner Gibson – aye; Commissioner Harvey – aye; Chair Ebert – aye

 Attest:

 James Ebert, Chair Ricky D. Hatch, CPA

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