

**WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 1, 2023**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of the Washington County Commission was called to order by Chairman Adam Snow at 4:00 p.m. on August 1, 2023, in the Washington County Commission Chambers, and via Zoom 111 East Tabernacle, St. George, Utah. Those in attendance were Commissioner Adam Snow, Commissioner Gil Almquist, Commissioner Victor Iverson, Deputy County Attorney Devin Snow, County Administrator Nicholle Felshaw and Deputy Clerk Jessica Jones.

INVOCATION BY: Rabbi Mendy Cohen, Shabad Jewish Center of Southern Utah

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Sgt. Pat Lisi, US Marine Corps

CONSENT AGENDA:

The Consent Agenda is a means of expediting the consideration of routine matters. If a commissioner requests that items be removed from the consent agenda, those items are placed at the beginning of the regular agenda. Other than requests to remove items, a motion to approve the items on the consent agenda is not debatable.

- Consideration of Auditor-Approved Claims for Payment for July 19, 2023 through August 1, 2023
- Consideration of Commission Meeting Minutes of July 18, 2023
- Consideration of Administrative Adjustments: Real Property
- Consideration of Administrative Adjustments: Personal Property
- Acknowledgement of Publishing: Notice of Adoption of Ordinance No. 2023-1235-O, Published on Thursday, July 6, 2023
- Consideration of Amendment to the Settlement Agreement Between the Howards and Washington County Regarding Silver Valley Road Damage

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Almquist to Approve the Consent Agenda as Outlined. Motion seconded by Commissioner Iverson and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Snow, Almquist and Iverson voting aye.

PRESENTATION: LIBERTY WEEK OVERVIEW

Dennis Leavitt, CEO of United We Pledge stated that Liberty Week is an annual event to remember the purpose of Independence Day and the events that lead to the founding of the nation. He stated over 33,000 people attended the weeks events with over 13,000 guests attending the exhibit held in the County Administration Building.

PRESENTATION: RECOGNITION OF REBEL ELITE SOCCER TEAM

Andy Yergensen, ITS Director and Assistant Coach of the Rebel Elite Girls Soccer Team recognized the girls for winning the 2023 National President's Cup Championship.

PRESENTATION: EMPLOYEE LONGEVITY AWARD

Assessor Division Manager Josh Wadsworth recognized Ryan Vincent for his fifteen (15) years of service in the Assessor's Office.

CONSIDERATION OF PURCHASE REQUESTS

Legacy Park, Shooting Sports Park Construction Projects	(\$11,590.00)
Information Technology, Legacy Park Wireless	(\$11,865.86)
Emergency Services, PPE for Wildland Firefighting Operations.....	(\$12,768.32)
Court Support Services, Software Maintenance	(\$43,784.00)

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Iverson to Approve the Purchase Requests as Outlined. Motion seconded by Commissioner Almquist and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Snow, Almquist and Iverson voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2023-3158, A RESOLUTION APPROVING A UTAH OUTDOOR RECREATION GRANT AGREEMENT FOR FUNDING PHASE II OF THE SPRING HOLLOW TRAIL SYSTEM

Greater Zion Destination Development Manager Leslie Fonger stated this contract is with the Utah Division of Outdoor Recreation for grant money to work on mountain bike trails.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Almquist to Approve Resolution No. R-2023-3158, A Resolution Approving a Utah Outdoor Recreation Grant Agreement for Funding Phase II of the Spring Hollow Trail System. Motion seconded by Commissioner Iverson and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Snow, Almquist and Iverson voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2023-3159, A RESOLUTION APPROVING A COMMENT LETTER IN SUPPORT OF THE BLM'S PROPOSED WITHDRAWAL OF CERTAIN LAND FROM BLM MANAGEMENT

Deputy County Attorney Devin Snow explained that the federal government owns and manages about seventy five percent (75%) of Washington County. The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is proposing giving approximately 15,000 acres to the School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration (SITLA), and this letter would support that transfer.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Iverson to Approve Resolution No. R-2023-3159, A Resolution Approving a Comment Letter in Support of the BLM's Proposed Withdrawal of Certain Land From BLM Management. Motion seconded by

Commissioner Almquist and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Snow, Almquist and Iverson voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2023-3160, A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE COMMUNICATIONS FRANCHISE AGREEMENT BETWEEN WASHINGTON COUNTY, UTAH AND BEEHIVE TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC (2023)

Mr. Snow stated there is a proposed franchise between Washington County and Beehive Telephone Company that would be a ten (10) year agreement to use County right-of-ways to get telephone and broadband service to Kolob.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Almquist to Approve Resolution No. R-2023-3160, A Resolution Approving the Communications Franchise Agreement Between Washington County, Utah and Beehive Telephone Company, Inc. (2023), with a direction to legal counsel to remove the bond requirement and to keep the 200-home threshold as stated in the agreement. Motion seconded by Commissioner Iverson and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Snow, Almquist and Iverson voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2023-3161, A RESOLUTION APPROVING LEASES FOR LOCAL CONGRESSIONAL OFFICES

County Administrator Nicholle Felshaw explained Senators Mike Lee and Mitt Romney have offices in Washington County, and desire to move their local offices to the Administration Building 3rd Floor.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Iverson to Approve Resolution No. R-2023-3161, A Resolution Approving Leases for Local Congressional Offices. Motion seconded by Commissioner Almquist and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Snow, Almquist and Iverson voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2023-3162, A RESOLUTION APPROVING A LEASE OF A PORTION OF THE COUNTY BOULEVARD BUILDING TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Ms. Felshaw stated this lease is regarding the federal courts. The County submitted an offer in May of 2022, and the County has now determined they are willing to lease a portion of the building once remodeling has been completed. The Justice Court will occupy one floor of the building once remodeled, with the federal courts occupying the other two.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Almquist to Approve Resolution No. R-2023-3162, a Resolution Approving a Lease of a Portion of the County Boulevard Building to the United States of America Subject to Attorney Review and Approval. Motion seconded by Commissioner Iverson and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Snow, Almquist and Iverson voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2023-3163, A RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONTRACT WITH MRW DESIGN FOR THE BOULEVARD BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS

Ms. Felshaw stated that MRW Design has previously remodeled the exterior of the Boulevard Building and it is recommended they now remodel the interior of the Boulevard Building.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Iverson to Approve Resolution No. R-2023-3163, A Resolution Approving a Contract with MRW Design for the Boulevard Building Improvements Subject to Attorney Review. Motion seconded by Commissioner Almquist and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Snow, Almquist and Iverson voting aye.

PUBLIC COMMENT (10 PEOPLE MAXIMUM; ONE (1) COMMENT PER PERSON AT A MAXIMUM OF TWO (2) MINUTES PER COMMENT.)

Ron Whitehead spoke regarding flood repairs along the Santa Clara River.

Wendy Godlewski requested the Commissioners vote no on any tax increases and spoke on election integrity.

Shalynn Wilson discussed election integrity.

David Johnson spoke on the First Amendment.

Gene Garate thanked the Commissioners for their work and discussed local food supplies.

Sherrie Staheli spoke on agriculture and local farming.

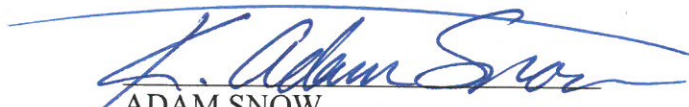
Heath Hansen discussed Zion National Park.

John Freeman commented on Shooting Sports Park.

Having no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:26 p.m.



SARAH LLOYD
DEPUTY CLERK



ADAM SNOW
CHAIRMAN

Board of Equalization
Personal Property
Commission Meeting
8/1/23

Appellant	Reason For Appeals	Refund Due
William Henry Head	Entitled to a Veteran's Exemption	\$ 150.00
Ivan Knudsen	Entitled to a Veteran's Exemption	\$ 135.00
Ivan Knudsen	Entitled to a Veteran's Exemption	\$ 80.00
Ivan Knudsen	Entitled to a Veteran's Exemption	\$ 150.00
		\$515.00

Account Number	Tax ID No.	Tax Year	Owner	Pre Adj Taxes	Post Adj Taxes	Difference	Comments	MeetingDate
32303	SGM-17-2-1	2022	RIVERA JOSE AVIGAN	2548.60	1,401.73	-1,146.87	Assessment level changed to primary	8/1/2023
131675	SG-BCC-4-2	2022	HUNTER NATHANAE / HUNTER DAVID	3702.26	2,036.24	-1,666.02	Assessment level changed to primary	8/1/2023
1039697	SG-AUB-1-119	2022	HILL KRISTELLE	2816.20	1,548.91	-1,267.29	Assessment level changed to primary	8/1/2023
1074768	W-REDW-1-1	2022	JANIS DAMON VICTOR JR & MACALL	3345.77	1,840.17	-1,505.60	Assessment level changed to primary	8/1/2023

Account#	Dist	Appellant	Type	Address	Reason for Appeal	Tax Year(s)	Refund Amount	Requested By	Commission Meeting Date
P032995	8	ANGEL'S LANDSCAPING & MAINTENANCE	ADJUSTMENT	PO BOX 835	BUSINESS MOVED TO CEDAR CITY, UTAH. ACCOUNT CLOSED.	2022	260.96	WENDY REBER	8/1/2023
P036095	8	LCI POOLS & SPAS LLC	ADJUSTMENT	1478 S 270 E STE 4A	BUSINESS MOVED TO PRINCE GEORGE, VIRGINIA. ACCOUNT CLOSED.	2022	112.56	WENDY REBER	8/1/2023
P040813	8	SOLID HOME CONSTRUCTION	ADJUSTMENT	3155 S HIDDEN VALLEY DR #205	BUSINESS DID NOT START UNTIL AFTER JANUARY 2022. BILLED IN ERROR. OWNER COMPLETED FILING FOR 2023, EXEMPT.	2022	217.79	MICHELLE HARRIS	8/1/2023
P040533	8	AIR COMPRESSOR SOLUTIONS	ADJUSTMENT	630 N 3050 E UNIT A-15	NO LONGER IN BUSINESS. ACCOUNT CLOSED. LICENSE EXPIRED. UNABLE TO CONTACT OWNER.	2022	217.79	MICHELLE HARRIS	8/1/2023
P030470	3	AYUTLA CUSTOM WELDING INC	ADJUSTMENT	696 S 5300 W STE 8	BUSINESS MOVED. UNABLE TO LOCATE THE BUSINESS OR CONTACT THE OWNER. ACCOUNT CLOSED.	2021, 2022	502.18	MICHELLE HARRIS	8/1/2023
P040659	40	EARTH'S INGREDIENTS LLC	ADJUSTMENT	1487 S SILICON WAY A7	BUSINESS IS NO LONGER IN OPERATION. LICENSE EXPIRED AND WAS NOT RENEWED. ACCOUNT CLOSED.	2022	260.96	MICHELLE HARRIS	8/1/2023



EVENT REACH

- 33K People at Liberty Week Events
- 9,360 Exhibit Visitors in UT
- 96K Website Visitors
- 2,714 Exhibit Visitors in WASHCO
- 13K Exhibit Attendees
- 3,640 Exhibit Visitors Out of State
- 6,645 Exhibit Visitors in UT but not WASHCO
- 28% Out of State
- 72% From UT
- 29% From Washington County
- 71% From Other Utah Counties
- 2K Prayer for Freedom Attendees
- Estimated Economic Impact for WASHCO: \$1.1M

