WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 15, 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 15, 2023, in the Washington County Commission Chambers, and via Zoom 111 East Tabernacle, St. George, Utah. Those in attendance were Commissioner Adam Snow, Commissioner Victor Iverson, Deputy County Attorney Devin Snow, County Administrator Nicholle Felshaw and Deputy Clerk Sarah Lloyd. Commissioner Gil Almquist was excused.

INVOCATION BY: Carole Drake, Saint George Catholic Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Ed Tracey

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 August 2, 2023 through August 15, 2023
- Consideration of Commission Meeting Minutes of August 1, 2023
- Consideration of Administrative Adjustments: Real Property
- Consideration of Administrative Adjustments: Personal Property
- Consideration of Application(s) for Property Tax Abatement (1): Gary Stapp, A/N 1045029
- Acknowledgement of Publishing: Notice of Adoption of Ordinance No. 2023-1236-O, Published on Sunday, July 23, 2023
- Consideration of Approval of Pine Valley Ranchos, Unit A, Block B Partial Amendment A, Vacating an Easement and Combining Lots PVRA-B-12 & 13
- Consideration of Approval of a Partial Amended Plat for Pine Valley Ranchos Subdivision Vacating an Easement and Adjusting the Lot Line between Lots PVR-A-G-30 & 31
- Consideration of Surplus of County Furniture and Supplies to Government Agencies and Sale of Remainder to Community
- Consideration of Interlocal Agreement with St. George City Regarding 2023 Byrne Justice Assistance Grant
- Consideration of Cooperative Agreement Renewal Between Washington County and the Utah Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands

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

PRESENTATION: RECOGNITION OF DEPUTY COUNTY ATTORNEY ERIC GENTRY'S APPOINTMENT TO BE A UTAH DISTRICT COURT JUDGE

County Attorney Eric Clarke explained that Deputy County Attorney Eric Gentry has been with the Washington County Attorney's Office for sixteen (16) years and has been appointed the next Fifth District Court Judge. Mr. Gentry has been an outstanding prosecutor and has prosecuted sex abuse cases for the attorney's office recently.

PRESENTATION: EMPLOYEE LONGEVITY AWARDS

Assessor Division Manager Ryan Hatch recognized Eric Barnum for his ten (10) years of service in the Assessor's Office. Greater Zion Tourism Director Brittany McMichael recognized Joyce Kelley for her twenty (20) years of service in the Tourism Office.

SEARCH AND RESCUE REPORT: WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Sergeant Darrel Cashin reported there were eight (8) call outs with two hundred and 13 (213) man hours through August 14, 2023.

(*See* attached report.)

CONSIDERATION OF PURCHASE REQUESTS

Roads, Specialized Road Base ..... ($11,590.00)
Roads, Equipment Fuel ..... ($35,358.74)
Weeds, Noxious Weeds Supplies ..... ($20,777.20)
Assessor, Two 2024 Ford Maverik XL Hybrid ..... ($53,010.00)
Tourism, Golf Documentary Production ..... ($65,000.00)
Legacy Park, Construction Projects ..... ($181,804.82)

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

CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE NO. 2023-1237-O, AN ORDINANCE REZONING A CERTAIN PORTION OF WASHINGTON COUNTY LOCATED AT APPROXIMATELY 1800 WEST 3600 NORTH ON KOLOB FROM THE OSC-20 ZONE (OPEN SPACE CONSERVATION 20 ACRE MINIMUM LOT SIZE), TO THE OST-20 ZONE (OPEN SPACE TRANSITION 20 ACRE MINIMUM LOT SIZE), HEREINAFTER FULLY DESCRIBED IN THIS ORDINANCE (APPLICANT KEN GRAFF)

Community Development Director Scott Messel explained that the applicant owns approximately one hundred and sixty (160) acres near the Washington County / Iron County line. The OSC-20 does not allow for a dwelling on the property, however, the OST-20 does. The Planning Commission unanimously recommended approval.

MOTION: **Motion by Commissioner Iverson to Adopt Ordinance No. 2023-1237-O, An Ordinance Rezoning a Certain Portion of Washington County Located at Approximately 1800 West 3600 North on Kolob from the OSC-20 Zone (Open Space Conservation 20 Acre Minimum Lot Size), to the OST-20 Zone (Open Space Transition 20 Acre Minimum Lot Size), Hereinafter Fully Described in This Ordinance (Applicant Ken Graff). Motion seconded by Commissioner Snow and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Snow and Iverson voting aye.**

CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE NO. 2023-1238-O, AN ORDINANCE APPROVING VACATION OF A PORTION OF THE ORIGINAL REX LAYNE ROAD, A PLATTED RIGHT OF WAY IN WASHINGTON COUNTY, UTAH

Mr. Messel addressed the next two items. He stated in the Dixie Deer Estates Subdivision in Central there is a road called Rex Layne Road. The Road was never completed, and did not tie into SR-18. The property has been an enforcement problem, with the house being built over the property line and into various other property lines. The Planning Commission recommends vacation of the original right of way. The next item would approve an updated plat map once this vacation has been finished.

MOTION: **Motion by Commissioner Iverson to Adopt Ordinance No. 2023-1238-O, An Ordinance Approving Vacation of a Portion of the Original Rex Layne Road, a Platted Right of Way in Washington County, Utah. Motion seconded by Commissioner Snow and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Snow and Iverson voting aye.**

CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF AN AMENDED PLAT FOR THE DIXIE DEER ESTATES SUBDIVISION

See above.

MOTION: **Motion by Commissioner Iverson to Approve an Amended Plat for the Dixie Deer Estates Subdivision. Motion seconded by Commissioner Snow and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Snow and Iverson voting aye.**

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2023-3164, A RESOLUTION APPROVING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT FOR ENGINEERING ANALYSIS TO DETERMINE LOCATIONS FOR TORTOISE CROSSINGS UNDER COTTONWOOD ROAD IN THE RED CLIFFS DESERT RESERVE

Habitat Conservation Plan Director Cameron Rognan stated when the amended HCP was done in 2020, it was done at the same time the Northern Corridor was passed. Part of the HCP included locations for tortoise crossings. This contract would be to study the best location for these crossings.

MOTION: **Motion by Commissioner Snow to Approve Resolution No. R-2023-3164, A Resolution Approving a Professional Service Agreement for Engineering Analysis to Determine Locations for Tortoise Crossings Under Cottonwood Road in the Red Cliffs Desert Reserve. Motion seconded by Commissioner Iverson and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Snow and Iverson voting aye.**

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2023-3165, A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH HURRICANE CITY REGARDING AN OFFICIAL BALLOT DROP BOX TO ENHANCE THE SAFETY AND SECURITY OF BALLOTS AND ELECTIONS

Washington County Clerk-Auditor Ryan Sullivan explained this Resolution would approve an Interlocal Agreement with Hurricane City to become compliant with state law regarding official ballot drop boxes within each precinct. This allows two drop box locations in Hurricane City, one at the Hurricane library and one in Hurricane City Hall.

MOTION: **Motion by Commissioner Iverson to Approve Resolution No. R-2023-3165, A Resolution Approving the Execution of Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with Hurricane City Regarding an Official Ballot Drop Box to Enhance the Safety and Security of Ballots and Elections. Motion seconded by Commissioner Snow and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Snow and Iverson voting aye.**

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2023-3166, A RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONTRACT FOR CASE MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE AT WASHINGTON COUNTY COURT SUPPORT SERVICES

Deputy County Attorney Devin Snow stated that Court Support Services is in need of case management software plus ongoing service and support for three years. The Resolution would be approved subject to legal review.

MOTION: **Motion by Commissioner Snow to Approve Resolution No. R-2023-3166, A Resolution Approving a Contract for Case Management Software at Washington County Court Support Services Subject to Legal Review. Motion seconded by Commissioner Iverson and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Snow and Iverson voting aye.**

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2023-3167, A RESOLUTION CLOSING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING FOR A HALF DAY ON SEPTEMBER 14, 2023 TO ALLOW FOR THE OFFICIAL BUILDING DEDICATION

Commissioner Snow stated the building has not happened yet due to the parking garage needing to be done. The parking garage is now close enough to done to hold the official building dedication, with the County being closed for a half day on September 14, 2023.

MOTION: **Motion by Commissioner Snow to Approve Resolution No. R-2023-3168, A Resolution Closing the County Administration Building For a Half Day on September 14, 2023 to Allow for the Official Building Dedication. Motion seconded by Commissioner Iverson and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Snow and Iverson voting aye.**

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

Ed Tracey stated that the Washington City Chamber of Commerce is up to 200 members after being reorganized two years ago and discussed upcoming events.

Shalynn Wilson discussed public comment.

Jordan Hess commented on projects Washington City has happening that were funded by Washington County.

Jordan Rushton discussed Dixie Tech and updated on the twenty-two years (22) years that it has been in existence.

Isaac Barlow discussed Tech Ridge updates.

Wendy Godlewski commented on Utah State Code and elections.

Ron Whitehead updated on chip seal road projects.

Mary Kaye Welch voiced concerns on elections.

Shaun Christensen discussed the St. George Chamber of Commerce.

Brad Buhanan spoke on Washington County and the opportunities and needs of the County.

Having no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:06 p.m.

Sarah Lloyd

SARAH LLOYD
DEPUTY CLERK

ADAM SNOW
CHAIRMAN