COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES – DAVIS COUNTY

WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, August 22, 2023

The Board of Davis County Commissioners met for a Work Session at 8:17 AM on Tuesday, August 22, 2023, in room 306 of the Davis County Administration Building, 61 South Main Street, Farmington, Utah. Required legal notice of this meeting was given.

All documents from this meeting are on file in the Davis County Clerk's Office. The agenda for this meeting is incorporated into the minutes as item headers.

DISCLAIMER

The meeting was an open dialogue. Critical points in the discussion have only been briefly summarized. The reader may refer to the audio recording and the publicly distributed materials for further clarification of the content. Timestamps have been noted in the minutes to aid in locating points of discussion in the audio record. The audio recording for this meeting is available based upon the County's current retention schedule.

ROLL CALL:

Chair Lorene Miner Kamalu
Vice Chair Bob J Stevenson
Commissioner Randy B. Elliott
County Clerk Brian McKenzie
County Auditor Curtis Koch
Chief Deputy Civil Attorney Neal Geddes
Community and Economic Development Director Kent Anderson
Human Resources Director Chris Bone
Facilities Director Lane Rose
Library Director Josh Johnson
Deputy Clerk Patrick Black
North Salt Lake City Mayor Brian Horrocks
North Salt Lake City Manager Ken Latham
Bountiful City Mayor Kendalyn Harris
Bountiful City Manager Gary Hill

OPENING

The meeting convened at 8:17 AM.

AGENDA ITEMS:

 # 812/2023. North Salt Lake City and Bountiful City proposals for South Davis County Library - Closed Session — *presented by Commissioner Stevenson*

For the past couple of years, the County and Library Board have been working with the cities of Davis County on the possible relocation of the south-end library branch, currently located in Bountiful City. This was initially going to be decided at an earlier date, but the possibility of systems failing at the Clearfield Library caused the County to prioritize that location first. In 2016, the County raised taxes which would enable the growing of the south-end library. A feasibility study showed that a brand new building was warranted rather than incurring the cost of maintaining the current Bountiful branch. A public survey showed that citizens are willing to travel to the library and want better collections of materials. The survey found that 93% of Davis County residents are within 10 minutes travel time by car to a library branch, which the Commission is proud of. These library branches are a benefit to the community and provide much-needed services such as acting as polling locations during elections.

North Salt Lake City Mayor Brian Horrocks arrived during this discussion and was introduced to the group.

VOTE
Motion to move to Closed Session: Lorene Miner Kamalu. **Second:** Randy B. Elliott. All present voted aye.

The meeting was moved into Closed Session until 9:01 AM in accordance with Utah State Code §52-4-205(1)(d).

VOTE
Motion to move out of Closed Session: Lorene Miner Kamalu. **Second:** Randy B. Elliott. All present voted aye.

The meeting was moved back into Open Session. A question was asked regarding how the Library Board functions for system of libraries. State code gives the board responsibility for expending the library fund and for the construction, lease, and operation of library buildings, all of which apply to these proposals.

The North Salt Lake City Mayor and Manager were excused and the Bountiful City Mayor and Manager were brought in and introduced in a second roll call. Commissioner Kamalu commented that the County had done a land swap with Clearfield for its current library location which had run into multiple issues. The land was supposed to be a clean swap but, when construction commenced, concrete and hazmat issues were found with the land. Clearfield also changed the agreement after the fact. Rather than the County demolishing the building as required in the original agreement, Clearfield City claimed ownership due to redevelopment zoning and sold the building and land to a church. The Clearfield experience has prompted the Commission to be cautious with land swaps.

VOTE
Motion to move to Closed Session: Lorene Miner Kamalu. **Second:** Bob J Stevenson. All present voted aye.

The meeting was moved into Closed Session until 9:42 AM in accordance with Utah State Code §52-4-205(1)(d).

VOTE
Motion to move out of Closed Session: Randy B. Elliott. **Second:** Lorene Miner Kamalu. All present voted aye.

The meeting was moved back into Open Session. No decision was made during either Closed Session. Commissioner Kamalu thanked Library Director Josh Johnson, his staff, and the Library Board for their hard work during this process over the last two years. They have remained data driven and mindful of taxpayer money, the latter of which is a very large responsibility. The revenue/budget for capital expenditures and staffing are both things the Commission need to be aware of when making a decision on this issue.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Meeting was adjourned at 09:43 AM

Minutes Prepared by:

Patrick Black
Deputy Clerk

Minutes Approved on:

09/12/2023

Brian McKenzie
Davis County Clerk

Lorene Miner Kamalu
Commission Chair