

**WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 5, 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 September 5, 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 Sarah Lloyd.

INVOCATION BY: Pastor Joe Doherty, New Promise Lutheran Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: GMG Jerry Curtis, US Navy, Retired

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 16, 2023 through September 5, 2023
- Consideration of Commission Meeting Minutes of August 15, 2023
- Consideration of Commission Work Meeting Minutes of August 16, 2023
- Consideration of Commission Work Meeting Minutes of August 30, 2023
- Consideration of Administrative Adjustments: Real Property
- Consideration of Administrative Adjustments: Personal Property
- Consideration of Application(s) for Property Tax Abatement (1): Matthew Rigby, A/N 1051406
- Acknowledgement of Publishing: Notice of Adoption of Ordinance No. 2023-1237-O, Published on Sunday, August 20, 2023
- Acknowledgement of Publishing: Notice of Adoption of Ordinance No. 2023-1238-O, Published on Sunday, August 20, 2023
- Consideration of Professional Services Agreement with Landmark Testing & Engineering Regarding Earthquake Safety Testing at Confluence Park
- Consideration of Temporary Public Defender Agreement

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.

ELECTION REPORT: RYAN SULLIVAN

Clerk/Auditor Ryan Sullivan updated the Commissioners on the municipal election. As of September 4, 2023, over 23,000 registered voters in Washington County had voted. Approximately 18,500 registered Republicans voted during the Primary thus far, which would equal approximately twenty-eight percent (28%) turn out for the Congressional District 2 race.

Mr. Sullivan addressed the Resolution put out by the Republican National Committee. He explained that Washington County has tried and true voting methods that were implemented many years ago. Mr. Sullivan stated that Washington County uses paper ballots that are marked by hand that have anti-counterfeit properties, including high tech envelopes that ensure that one person, one vote along with signature verification procedures. He stated that Washington County will do some hand count audits at a precinct level, based on random selection.

CONSIDERATION OF RATIFICATION OF PURCHASE REQUEST

Tourism, Tourism Conference Dinner Catering (\$20,690.00)

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

CONSIDERATION OF PURCHASE REQUESTS

Dixie Center, Roof Top Air Conditioner Unit (\$29,740.00)
Clerk/Auditor, Computer Software (\$37,030.00)
ITS, Legacy Park Network Infrastructure (\$36,128.42)
Tourism, Out of State Advertising (\$28,050.00)

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

CONSIDERATION OF PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Public Works Director Ron Whitehead outlined current road chipping projects, including Diamond Valley subdivision, Winchester Hills subdivision, Cottonwood Springs Road, Old Dixie Highway 91 from Leeds to Harrisburg and also Homespun and 1500 North, Silver Reef Roads and Silver Valley Estates Roads.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Iverson to Approve the Public Works Report 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-2023-3168, A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT TO HELP FUND THE CONSTRUCTION OF A ROAD EXPANSION NEAR SAND HOLLOW IN HURRICANE CITY

Greater Zion Tourism Director Brittany McMichael explained this application is for destination development, which extends the pavement of Sand Hollow Road to the Sand Mountain Staging Area. The Tourism Advisory Board (TAB) recommended approving \$50,000 of County Transient Room Tax (TRT) funding for the project.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Almquist to Approve Resolution No. R-2023-3168, A Resolution an Interlocal Agreement to Help Fund the Construction of a Road Expansion Near Sand Hollow in Hurricane City. Motion seconded by Commissioner Iverson and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Snow, Almquist and Iverson voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2023-3169, A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE EXPENDITURE OF TRT FUNDING FOR AN EVENT MARKETING AGREEMENT FOR THE TRAIL HERO EVENT

Greater Zion Sports and Adventure Manager Chad McWilliams explained this is funding from the TAB Board recommended the expenditure of \$50,000 in TRT funding for the Trail Hero Event at Sand Hollow October 2-7, 2023.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Iverson to Approve Resolution No. R-2023-3169, A Resolution Approving the Expenditure of TRT Funding for an Event Marketing Agreement for the Trail Hero Event. Motion seconded by Commissioner Almquist and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Snow, Almquist and Iverson voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2023-3170, A RESOLUTION APPROVING TRT FUNDING FOR MARKETING SPONSORSHIPS AND EVENT FUNDING FOR NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS IN WASHINGTON COUNTY

Greater Zion Operations Manager Jamie Allen explained that TRT funding can also be used for marketing and event funding of various events to be held in Washington County. The following non-profit organizations were recommended to receive marketing sponsorship funding as follows:

Organization	Purpose	Amount
Arts to Zion	Printing of Museum & Gallery Maps	\$9,000
Dixie Watercolor Society	Marketing Project	\$4,350
Hurricane Valley Chamber	Printing Visitor Guide	\$12,500
Washington Area Chamber of Commerce	Printing of Visitor Guide	\$7,500

The following non-profit organizations were recommended to receive event funding as follows:

Organization	Purpose	Amount
Film and Media Alliance of Southern Utah	HorrorFest International Film Festival	\$3,000
Senior Softball USA	Senior Softball World Championship	\$18,200
Desert Roads & Trails Society	Winter 4x4 Jamboree	\$12,000

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Almquist to Approve Resolution No. R-2023-3170, A Resolution Approving TRT Funding for Marketing Sponsorships and Event Funding for Non-Profit Organizations in Washington County. Motion seconded by Commissioner Iverson and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Snow, Almquist and Iverson voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2023-3171, A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF A COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH THE USDA, THE FOREST SERVICE, AND DIXIE NATIONAL FOREST FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF CERTAIN FOREST SERVICE ROADS

Mr. Whitehead explained this is an updated version of the existing forest service maintenance that will go into effect in 2024, with one slight change.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Iverson to Approve Resolution No. R-2023-3171, A Resolution Approving the Execution of a Cooperation Agreement with the USDA, the Forest Service, and Dixie National Forest for the Construction and Maintenance of Certain Forest Service Roads Subject to Legal Review. Motion seconded by Commissioner Almquist and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Snow and Iverson voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2023-3172, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A QUIT CLAIM DEED FROM WASHINGTON COUNTY TO NEW HARMONY TOWN REGARDING HARMONY DRIVE

Mr. Whitehead stated this is a cleanup item that was found by the Recorder's office. This was a road that was deeded to the County, with New Harmony dedicating the road in 2021. The County will deed the partial sections of the road so that the town of New Harmony owns all of Harmony Drive.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Almquist to Approve Resolution No. R-2023-3172, A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Quit Claim Deed from Washington County to New Harmony Town Regarding Harmony Drive. Motion seconded by Commissioner Iverson and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Snow and Iverson voting aye.

**CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2023-3173, A RESOLUTION APPROVING
A PROPOSAL FOR LEGAL RESEARCH SERVICES FOR THE COUNTY
ATTORNEY'S OFFICE**

Deputy County Attorney Devin Snow related this will provide the County Attorney's office legal research services for the next three (3) years.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Iverson to Approve Resolution No. R-2023-3173, A Resolution Approving a Proposal for Legal Research Services for the County Attorney's Office. Motion seconded by Commissioner Almquist and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Snow and Iverson voting aye.

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

Angela Jones discussed voting poll pads and paper ballots.

Shalynn Wilson spoke about the Republican National Committee Resolution.

Leon Gubler commented on agricultural issues.

Laura Bean mentioned liberty and elections.

April Pinkston requested the Commissioners hold a town hall and discussed mask mandates.

Brad Bennett discussed election integrity.

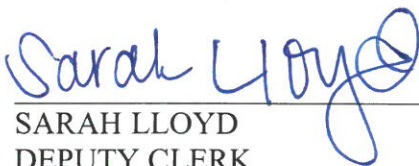
Casey Lofthouse thanked the Commissioners and the County employees for their work. He discussed the Confluence Heritage Foundation and the efforts to return to agriculture.


Wendy Godlewski spoke on hand counting.

Shelley Scholzen discussed elections and machine counting.

Erika Hodges commented on arts and recreation taxes.

Having no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.


SARAH LLOYD
DEPUTY CLERK


ADAM SNOW
CHAIRMAN

**Board of Equalization
Personal Property
Commission Meeting
9/19/23**

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Account#	Dist	Appellant	Refund or Adjustment	Address	Reason for Appeal	Tax Year(s)	Amount	Requested By	Commission Meeting Date
P039826	8	SATORI INFUSIONS	Adjustment	2355 VIA LINDA CIRCLE	NO LONGER IN BUSINESS	2022	\$ 262.44	WENDY REBER	9/19/2023
P040832	8	ROSE CONCRETE INC	Adjustment	545 S VALLEY VIEW DR UNIT 102	NO LONGER IN BUSINESS	2022	\$ 262.99	WENDY REBER	9/19/2023

Account Number	Tax ID No.	Tax Year	Owner	Pre Adj Taxes	Post Adj Taxes	Difference	Comments	Meeting Date
285265	DVA-2-A-145-DA	2022	RANDALL SHELDON & KERI	3,484.89	1,917.59	-1,567.30	Application submitted timely. Assessment level should have been changed to primary.	9/19/2023
517972	E-EVVE-10	2022	ROSSI ARON	1,820.36	1,001.20	-819.16	Application submitted timely. Assessment level should have been changed to primary.	9/19/2023

