

**MINUTES** of the work session of the Uintah County Commission held **March 18, 2024** in the large Commission Conference Room of the Uintah County Building at 152 East 100 North, Vernal, Utah. Meeting commenced at 9:03 a.m.

**PARTICIPANTS:** Commissioners John Laursen, Brad Horrocks, and Sonja Norton.

**ATTENDANCE:** Willis LeFevre, Wendi Long, Lance Dean, Becky Richards, Caleb Hall, Lana Fullbright, Tonya Craven, Barbara Simper, and Jon Steamer.

Minutes recorded by Tai Duncan.

**WELCOME:** Commissioner Laursen welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**Certificate of Appreciation** to Becky Richards for her dedication to the Public Defender Office in the absence of the Public Defender, Lance Dean. We are grateful for her stepping up when he was involved in a horrific car accident. She ran the office for five weeks making excellent executive decisions, allowing him time to recuperate. Nothing can express Lance's gratitude for her dedication and professionalism.

**1. HUMANITIES GRANT** – Lana Fullbright, Western Heritage Museum

Lana noted that Sam Passey typically took care of this part of their grants so she's learning as they go. Alicia and Marety recently attended a training through Utah Humanities. This department paid for all of their room and board, the training and provided a \$1500 grant to the Museum for a new exhibit. The ladies attended the training to learn how to put together a new exhibit. It is difficult to take a lot of information and narrow it down. Their exhibit is the barn area and horses as the transportation used in the early days of our Valley. This program is offered every other year and they take advantage of it by sending someone new each time. Commissioner Laursen noted this will be added to Tuesday's meeting in order to get it approved so Mike can add it to the budget so they can spend it.

**2. CLOSED SESSION** for the purpose of discussing pending or imminent litigation

*At 9:10 am Commissioner Horrocks moved to go into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing pending or imminent litigation in the Commission small conference room and when discussion is complete, adjourn and reconvene Commission meeting in order to adjourn. Commissioner Norton seconded. Motion passed unanimously.*

Closed Session Attendance: Caleb Hall, Jon Steamer

**ADJOURN:** The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:40 am.

  
JOHN LAURSEN, CHAIR

  
MICHAEL W. WILKINS, CLERK – AUDITOR

