

**WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 19, 2024**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of the Washington County Commission was called to order by Chairman Gil Almquist at 4:00 p.m. on March 19, 2024, in the Washington County Commission Chambers, and via Zoom 111 East Tabernacle, St. George, Utah. Those in attendance were Commissioner Gil Almquist, Commissioner Victor Iverson, Commissioner Adam Snow, Deputy County Attorney Devin Snow, County Administrator Nicholle Felshaw and Deputy Clerk Sarah Lloyd.

INVOCATION BY: Deanna Martin, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Christopher Ames, Jr. ROTC

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 March 6, 2024 through March 19, 2024
- Consideration of Regular Commission Meeting Minutes of March 5, 2024
- Consideration of Administrative Adjustments: Real Property
- Consideration of Administrative Adjustments: Personal Property

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

BOARD OF CANVASSERS MEETING:

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Snow to Open the Board of Canvassers. Motion seconded by Commissioner Iverson and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Almquist, Iverson and Snow voting aye.

Washington County Clerk/Auditor Ryan Sullivan read aloud the results from the March 5, 2024 Democratic Presidential Primary Election. He reported 9,157 registered Democratic voters, with 3,700 ballots cast.

(See attached report.)

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Iverson to Accept the Certification of the March 5, 2024 Democratic Presidential Primary Election. Motion seconded by Snow

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

MOTION: **Motion by Commissioner Snow to Close the Board of Canvassers. Motion seconded by Commissioner Iverson and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Almquist, Iverson and Snow voting aye.**

MOTION: **Motion by Commissioner Snow to Open the Commission Meeting. Motion seconded by Commissioner Almquist and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Almquist, Iverson and Snow voting aye.**

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:

2023 YEAR IN REVIEW VIDEO:

Commissioner Snow introduced the fourth of twelve 2023 Year in Review videos, which was then shared. This video highlighted the New Washington County Administration Building.

PRESENTATION: DIXIE CONSERVATION DISTRICT/UDAF SOIL HEALTH:

Stuart Bowler with the Dixie Conservation District updated the Commissioners on the Dixie Conservation District and the Soil Health program with the Utah Department of Agriculture and Food.

(See attached report.)

EMERGENCY SERVICES REPORT: WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Sergeant Darrell Cashin reported there were a total of eight (8) call outs with a total of two-hundred and twelve (212) man hours between February 21st, 2024 and March 19th, 2024. There have been a total of nineteen (19) Search and Rescue (SAR) incidents in 2024.

(See attached report.)

CONSIDERATION OF PURCHASE REQUESTS:

Clerk/Auditor, Election Equipment Purchase	(\$30,760.00)
Emergency Services, Fire Suppression Fuel Mitigation Project	(\$34,531.00)
Fair, Engineering and Master Sound Operator	(\$54,770.00)
Fair, Security and Custodial	(\$13,544.35)
Fair, Rental Equipment	(\$25,956.02)

All purchases are budgeted, bonded, or paid for through grant funds.

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

CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE NO. 2024-1252-O, AN ORDINANCE ADOPTION AND IMPLEMENTING REVISED REGULATIONS FOR LANDSCAPING AND WATER CONSERVATION FOR DEVELOPING LAND IN WASHINGTON COUNTY, UTAH

Community Development Planner Reid Walkenhorst explained this Ordinance contains small language changes from the Ordinance that passed in December 2023. Doug Bennett with the Washington County Water Conservancy District (WCWCD) stated the goal of this Ordinance to ensure the County and its residents have reliable, resilient and sustainable water supplies.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Iverson to Adopt Ordinance No. 2024-1252-O, An Ordinance Adopting and Implementing Revised Regulations for Landscaping and Water Conservation for Developing Land in Washington County, Utah. Motion seconded by Commissioner Snow and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Almquist, Iverson and Snow voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2024-3275, A RESOLUTION APPROVING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR RAVEN EGG OILING IN AND AROUND THE RED CLIFFS DESERT RESERVE

Habitat Conservation Plan Director Cameron Rognan explained one protection for the Mohave Desert Tortoise is raven mitigation. Ravens are protected as a migratory bird species, and Washington County has recently been granted a Raven Depredation Control Permit. It is recommended that Hardshell Labs, Inc. conduct raven egg oiling in and around the Red Cliffs Desert Reserve.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Snow to Adopt Resolution No. R-2024-3275, A Resolution Approving a Professional Services Agreement for Raven Egg Oiling in and Around the Red Cliffs Desert Reserve. Motion seconded by Commissioner Iverson and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Almquist, Iverson and Snow voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2024-3276, A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE WASHINGTON COUNTY COUNCIL ON AGING FOOD PREPARATION AGREEMENT, AMENDMENT V, WITH TRIO COMMUNITY MEALS

Council on Aging (COA) Director Jacob Browning explained due to inflationary pressures, there needed to be a 4% price increase to the current contract with TRIO Community Meals to the current Senior Centers that provide Meals on Wheels and other services. The COA is currently working with Five County Association of Governments to receive grants to offset these costs.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Iverson to Adopt Resolution No. R-2024-3276, A Resolution Approving the Washington Council on Aging Food Preparation Agreement, Amendment V, with Trio Community Meals. Motion seconded by Commissioner Snow and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Almquist, Iverson and Snow voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2024-3277, A RESOLUTION APPOINTING BOARD MEMBERS TO THE COUNCIL ON AGING ADVISORY BOARD

Mr. Browning explained that three members on the Council on Aging Advisory Board expired on December 31, 2023 and two of those members desire to be reappointed. It is recommended that Kimber Atkinson, Barbara Hunt and Deanna Bringhurst be appointed to a term on the Council on Aging Advisory Board with a term to expire December 31, 2026.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Snow to Adopt Resolution No. R-2024-3277, A Resolution Appointing Board Members to the Council on Aging Advisory Board. Motion seconded by Commissioner Iverson and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Almquist, Iverson and Snow voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2024-3278, A RESOLUTION APPOINTING BOARD MEMBERS TO THE FIVE COUNTY AGING & NUTRITION SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD

Mr. Browning stated that Sharon Ott has resigned from the Five County Aging & Nutrition Services Advisory Board, and it is recommended that Deanna Bringhurst be appointed to fulfill the remainder of the term, which is December 31, 2024.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Iverson to Adopt Resolution No. R-2024-3278, A Resolution Appointing Board Members to the Five County Aging & Nutrition Services Advisory Board. Motion seconded by Commissioner Snow and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Almquist, Iverson and Snow voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2024-3279, A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE LEASE OF OFFICE SPACE TO THE STATE OF UTAH FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

County Administrator Nicholle Felshaw explained that Washington County has office space available at its building at 178 North 200 East in St. George, and the State of Utah would like to lease the space for the Department of Health and Human Services for a term of five years, ending on March 31, 2029.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Snow to Adopt Resolution No. R-2024-3279, A Resolution Approving the Lease of Office Space to the State of Utah for the Department of Health and Human Services Subject to Legal Review. Motion

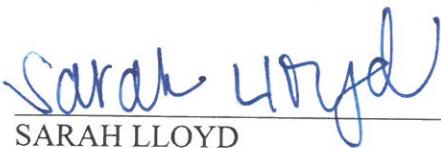
seconded by Commissioner Iverson and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Almquist, Iverson and Snow voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2024-3280, A RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE SOUTHWESTERN SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATIVE CONTROL BOARD

Deputy County Attorney Devin Snow stated this is a previously elected board with three (3) vacancies on the Southwestern Special Service District Administrative Control Board, which were advertised pursuant to state code. It is recommended that Kathy Farnsworth, Don Ruesch and Richard Kelly be reappointed with a term ending December 31, 2027.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Iverson to Adopt Resolution No. R-2024-3280, A Resolution Appointing Members to the Southwestern Special Service District Administrative Control Board. Motion seconded by Commissioner Snow and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Almquist, Iverson and Snow voting aye.

Having no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:59 p.m.



SARAH LLOYD
DEPUTY CLERK



GIL ALMQUIST
CHAIRMAN

Dixie Conservation District

- Received Soil Health Grant and Purchased ATV Drill. Drill will be operational and available for Washington County residents.
- Partnered with Veyo Irrigation Company and have received a \$950,000 Water Optimization grant to convert open irrigation ditch to pipeline.
- Dixie CD supervisors Kelly Blake and Sam Larson in partnership with UDAF and BLM continue to construct water catchments which benefit livestock and wildlife.
- Sponsored Soil Health Workshop in St. George which was attended by 400 people from throughout Utah and other states.
- Recognized Ryan Reese from BLM as Cooperating Partner of the Year.
- Sponsor Dixie Junior Livestock Show and Utah/Arizona Range Workshop.
- Participated in UACD Zone meeting in Richfield, Utah.
- Dixie Supervisor Loyd Jessop received the prestigious Bill Rigby Award at the UACD Convention.
- Dixie CD Supervisor sit on state boards including Sam Larson being a voting member of the Utah Conservation Commission and Stuart Bowler serving as Vice President of the Utah Association of Conservation Districts.
- Partnerships with UACD, UDAF, USU Extension, NRCS, Washington County, BLM, Forest Service and others provide and promote conservation efforts in Washington County.

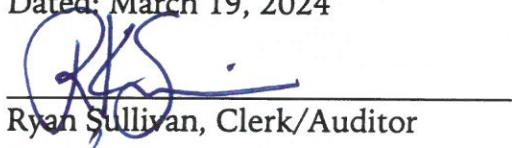




STATE OF UTAH)
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 COUNTY OF WASHINGTON)

I, Ryan Sullivan, Clerk/Auditor of Washington County, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct abstract of the statement of votes of this county for the Democratic Presidential Primary, held in Washington County, Utah on March 5, 2024 as made out and entered upon the record of the Board of County Canvassers, so far as the same relates to the offices and propositions named.

Dated: March 19, 2024



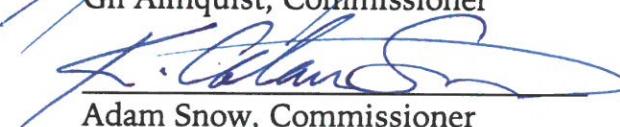
Ryan Sullivan, Clerk/Auditor



Victor Iverson, Commissioner



Gil Almquist, Commissioner



Adam Snow, Commissioner



SAR Incident Synopsis

for February 21, 2024 through March 19th, 2024

Sheriff Brooksby,

Below is the SAR Report from February 21st, 2024 through March 19th, 2024

March 2024 Report

Total calls this report – 8

Total Man Hours this report – 212

Total SAR Incidents 2024 – 19

Rescued Subjects

In County Residence – 5

Out of County (Utah) Residence - 6

Out of Utah – 10

International – 0

02/23/2024 @ 1832, Stranded Motorcyclist – Toquerville Falls - Man Hours – 38

SAR responded to a 42 year old male motorcyclist that crashed his bike in LaVerkin Creek. He stated he had no supplies to make it through the night. SAR went in and located him. They brought him out and he was checked by EMS. He refused medical and said he would come back and get his motorcycle in daylight.

02/27/2024 @ 1788, Stranded Motorist, LaVerkin Creek – Man Hours – 32

SAR responded to a 50 year old male that got his Toyota Tacoma stuck in LaVerkin Creek. SAR located the male and assist him out. He was taken back to the IC at the LaVerkin Shooting Range. He denied EMS and was released.

03/12/2024 @ 2024, Stranded Motorist, Smith Mesa – Man Hours – 28

SAR responded to locate four subjects, 2 parents and 2 children, that were stranded on Smith Mesa. Their vehicle broke down and they started walking to get out. The subjects got lost and had no supplies. SAR went in and located the family. They were brought out to the IC and released. A SAR member gave them a ride to their hotel.

03/13/2024 @ 2027, Overdue Climbers – Water Canyon – Man Hours – 12

SAR responded to five overdue climbers in Water Canyon. Another hiker stated they yelled at her to get help. SAR was paged along with the DPS Helicopter. The climbers made their way out prior to SAR arrival. All responding units were canceled.

03/14/2024 @ 1242, UTV Roll Over – Sand Mountain – Man Hours – 16

SAR responded to a UTV roll over on Sand Mountain. SAR and Utah State Park Rangers located the UTV. The 3 subjects involved were unhurt. They were brought out to the OHV Staging area and released. No EMS was needed.

03/15/2025 @ 1629, Injured Mountain Biker – Bear Claw Poppy – Man Hours – 30

SAR responded to a 21 year old female that crashed on a Mountain Bike. The female had a possible shoulder injury. SAR went in and located the injured female. They stabilized her shoulder and brought her out by the Water Tanks. She was turned over to EMS and transported to SGRH for treatment.

03/16/2025 @ 1600, Telematic Alarm – Sand Mountain – Man Hours – 14

SAR responded to a crash alarm on Sand Mountain. They located a rolled UTV with 4 subjects. All of the individuals were not hurt. State Parks took the accident scene and the subjects were brought back to Sand Hollow State Park and released.

03/17/2024 @ 1638, In Reach Alarm – Red Cliffs Recreation Area – Man Hours – 42

SAR responded to an In Reach signal asking for help. The GPS showed over a mile north on the Red Reef Trail. SAR unit started hiking in. A Drone was launched and they located two subjects near the creek. Another signal came in stated someone had a broken ankle. DPS Star 8 also responded. SAR located the subjects. The 53 year old female and 55 year old male were brought out. She refused medical care and they were released.

Washington County, Utah
Democratic Presidential Primary Election
March 5, 2024

OFFICIAL RESULTS

Summary

Statistics

TOTAL

Registered Voters - Total	9,157
Registered Voters - Democratic	9,157
Registered Voters - NONPARTISAN	0
Ballots Cast - Total	3,700
Ballots Cast - Democratic	3,700
Ballots Cast - NONPARTISAN	0
Ballots Cast - Blank	18
Voter Turnout - Total	40.41%
Voter Turnout - Democratic	40.41%
Voter Turnout - NONPARTISAN	0.00%

Democratic for U.S. President

Vote For 1

TOTAL VOTE %

JOSEPH R BIDEN JR	3,328	90.39%
MARIANNE DEBORAH WILLIAMSON	137	3.72%
DEAN BENSON PHILLIPS	133	3.61%
GABRIEL CORNEJO	50	1.36%
FRANK LOZADA	34	0.92%
Overvotes	0	
Undervotes	18	
Contest Totals	3,700	

Consent C.

Account Number	Tax ID No.	Tax Year	Owner	Pre Adj Taxes	Post Adj Taxes	Difference	Comments	Meeting Date
384506	BR1-1D-A-1-NS	2023	BARLOW/LONDON	4,131.43	2,367.73	-1,763.70	Assessment level changed to primary	3/19/2024
968446	JUN-1-1-DVF	2023	RUESCH RANDY & LORI	6,091.21	3,432.79	-2,658.42	Assessment level changed to primary	3/19/2024
231863	DVH-56-A	2023	SWENSON JESSICA	3,040.87	1,682.87	-1,358.00	Assessment level changed to primary	3/19/2024
760945	I-RENS-C-30	2023	ALBERT WILLIAM G & ANNETTE TRS	15,626.96	8,594.93	-7,032.13	Assessment level changed to primary	3/19/2024
1092032	SG-WOO-2-42	2023	AUSANDRA LLC	3,130.99	1,722.04	-1,408.95	Assessment level changed to primary	3/19/2024
1102951	I-MQF-1-A-33	2023	ALLEN MATTHEW LEWIS & MACI LYNN	4,365.31	2,400.92	-1,964.39	Assessment level changed to primary	3/19/2024
872015	AV-1366-A-13	2023	BARLOW/LONDON THOMAS	4,550.84	2,502.96	-2,047.88	Assessment level changed to primary	3/19/2024
349129	SG-SVTH-6	2023	COX RIO / COX ASHLYN W	1,666.55	916.61	-749.95	Assessment level changed to primary	3/19/2024
1095202	SG-DESC-1-112	2023	CWLS LEASING LC	3,768.16	2,072.49	-1,695.67	Assessment level changed to primary	3/19/2024
490451	I-PLTH-2-65	2023	DAMES RANDI BRUCE & JUDY	2,627.24	1,444.98	-1,182.26	Assessment level changed to primary	3/19/2024
804070	W-DCLE-4	2023	HANSEN JOHN / HANSEN SHAY	5,156.50	2,836.07	-2,320.43	Assessment level changed to primary	3/19/2024
889491	LV-BL-10	2023	HERNANDEZ RANDY ALFREDO SANCHEZ	3,091.12	1,700.12	-1,391.00	Assessment level changed to primary	3/19/2024
587082	H-DSP-B-25	2023	HOLLAND DERRICK JAY / HOLLAND USA ZOE / RODEBUSH CODY	5,279.63	2,903.80	-2,375.83	Assessment level changed to primary	3/19/2024
277171	SG-QMIE-A-33	2023	IRAZABA MARIA GABRIELA & MARIA ELENA	1,823.17	1,002.75	-820.42	Assessment level changed to primary	3/19/2024
1045290	SG-DES-2-26	2023	JACKSON BRANDON S	3,784.22	2,081.32	-1,702.90	Assessment level changed to primary	3/19/2024
674740	SG-ARE-2-25	2023	MARTIN JAMES R & ROBERTA R TRS	7,824.12	4,303.26	-3,520.86	Assessment level changed to primary	3/19/2024
1071860	LV-CWPH-2-19	2023	MONTEZ TORRE T	3,382.28	1,860.25	-1,522.03	Assessment level changed to primary	3/19/2024
674856	LV-BT-8-4	2023	PETERSON JULIE ANN	3,981.20	2,189.66	-1,791.54	Assessment level changed to primary	3/19/2024
492374	H-CANR-73	2023	SKOUSEN KELLY / PUSH KENNETH BURTON	2,820.97	1,551.53	-1,269.44	Assessment level changed to primary	3/19/2024
668866	SG-SOP-B-817	2023	SMITH DAVID	3,282.25	1,805.24	-1,477.01	Assessment level changed to primary	3/19/2024
1053387	SG-DHL-2-AND3-96	2023	STEWART KALLIE	2,705.47	1,510.01	-1,235.46	Assessment level changed to primary	3/19/2024
1033086	SG-MVF-10B-12B-A	2023	WILLIAMS JORDAN LEE	11,301.13	6,215.62	-5,085.51	Assessment level changed to primary	3/19/2024

Consent of

Board of Equalization
Personal Property
Commission Meeting
03/19/24

Appellant	Reason For Appeals	Refund Due
Terrie Mitchell	Entitled to a Veteran's Exemption	50.00
Chris Braden	Entitled to a Veteran's Exemption	150.00
Donald B Lytle	Entitled to a Veteran's Exemption	50.00
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Utah Food Bank	Charitable Non-Profit Exempt Organization	698.71
Lisa C Easley	Vehicle sold within registration month	110.00
Mark Dalton	Vehicle traded within registration month	80.00
Matilda M Davis	Vehicle traded within registration month	50.00
		\$1,238.71

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Date	Account	Dist	Appellant	Attn	Address	CSZ	Reason	Year(s)	Amount	Requested By	Meeting
03/06/24	P032890	8	EDIBLE ARRANGEMENTS ST GEORGE	969 N 3050 E STE #2	ST GEORGE, UT 84790		BUSINESS CLOSED IN 2022.	2022	270.23	MICHELLE H	3/19/2024
03/11/24	P042404	8	DEI IMAGING	PO BOX 17299	CLEARWATER, FL 33762		NO ASSETS IN COUNTY AS OF 1/1/23.	2023	232.87	MICHELLE H	3/19/2024