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### **SUMMIT COUNTY**

County Council

SUMMIT COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COUNCIL CHAMBERS

60 NORTH MAIN STREET, COALVILLE, UTAH, 84017

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1, 2024

Meeting also conducted via Zoom.

**Draft**

**Closed Session - Personnel (20 min); Property acquisition (60 min) 1:05 PM**

**1) *Property Acquisition (1:10 PM)***

Council members Tonja Hanson and Canice Harte along with *Chief Deputy Civil Attorney*, Dave Thomas, *County Manager*, Shayne Scott, *Deputy County Manager*, Janna Young and Lands & Natural Resources Director, Jess Kirby, met in closed session to discuss property acquisition.

**2) *Personnel (2:21 PM)***

Council members Tonja Hanson and Canice Harte along with *Chief Deputy Civil Attorney*, Dave Thomas, *County Manager*, Shayne Scott, and *Deputy County Manager*, Janna Young, met in closed session to discuss personnel.

**Move to Council chambers (10 min) 2:25 PM**

**Welcome/Attendance**

Roger Armstrong  
Malena Stevens  
Tonja B Hanson  
Christopher Robinson  
Canice Harte

Dave Thomas  
Ryan Stack  
Matt Leavitt  
Shayne Scott  
Chase Black

Helen Strachan  
Stephanie Poll  
Dave Bingham  
Brian Craven  
Jenn Fowler  
Aaron Newman  
Janna Young

**Work Session (2:43 PM)**

1) ***Pledge of Allegiance* (2:43 PM)**

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2) ***Discussion on Fiscal Year 2025 Revenue Sources; Matt Leavitt* (2:43 PM)**

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Matt Leavitt, *County Finance Officer*, presented to the council with county discussion regarding county resources and funding for programs. Mr. Leavitt presented council with options going forward for the 2025 budget. Matt Leavitt, *County Finance Officer*, asked for direction from the council.

Council Chair Malena Stevens asked a question regarding the cause of the increase if it was inflation. Matt Leavitt; *County Finance Officer*, responded to Ms. Stevens.

Council member Roger Armstrong brought up that we want to make sure we are recovering our cost on fees and that we have had 2 years of significant compensation.

Council member Canice Harte brought up the fact that we haven't raised the general fund or the municipal fund property value taxes since 2017 and mentioned a couple of the options presented. Council member Harte asked Mr. Leavitt to elaborate a little more on those options. Matt Leavitt, *County Finance Officer*, responded. Council member Harte inquired about which option would impact residents the most.

Council member Tonja Hanson inquired about the tax stability fund and thinks it is still something to consider. Council member Hanson asked if we could bond for the tax increase, Mr. Leavitt responded.

Council member Roger Armstrong wanted to make sure that we are smart on the expense side if we are going to increase taxes that it's not an excuse to go on a spending spree. Mr. Armstrong expects to see a pretty tight budget to begin with. Council member Armstrong also mentioned that we haven't increased property taxes since 2017 and 7 years is too long, he believes that 5 years was set as the limit. Mr. Armstrong thinks that now is the time to increase property taxes and the amount is what matters.

Council member Christopher Robinson joined the meeting via zoom.

Council member Christopher Robinson wanted to know if the .4% or any other increase in the sales tax for rural hospitals would make funds available to the municipal fund or if it's just the general fund. Matt Leavitt, *County Finance Officer*, responded to Mr. Robinson. Council member Robinson thinks the rural hospital tax is an excellent idea because it mostly offsets the general fund expenses. Mr. Robinson asked that when this is presented to the voters if we could have an "up to percent" so that we don't have to put it to the voters twice. *County Attorney*, Dave Thomas responded.

Council Chair Malena Stevens is interested in the rural hospitals tax but has concerns as Council member Harte voiced that, if it is not passed by the voters that we would need to go through some sort of truth and taxation concurrently with that. Council Chair Stevens agreed with Council member Robinson that the municipal fund needs to go through truth and taxation because it's more restricted funding, Ms. Stevens also thinks that it may be a good idea to figure out messaging to begin a process for truth and taxation on the general fund also just in case voters do not pass the rural hospitals tax.

Council member Canice Harte agrees with where Council Member Robinson is on this matter and is trying to find a way to impact the residents of Summit County the least. Mr. Harte clarified the meaning of the rural hospitals tax.

Council member Tonja Hanson clarified based on all the conversation, she is in support of the rural hospitals sales tax and trying to move forward with that and being very strategic in the planning and the delivery to the public. Council member Tonja also clarified that she is not opposed to lobbying the legislature but didn't that as the only option.

Council Chair Malena Stevens wanted to clarify that Matt Leavitt, County Finance Officer has some clear direction from the council. Ms. Stevens stated that sounds like everyone is in alignment with pursuing the rural hospitals tax and going through that process to get it on the ballot. Council member Roger Armstrong suggested that we also look at the property tax.

Attachment: [2024\\_Revenue\\_Discussions\\_for\\_2025\\_Budget.pdf](#) Staff\_Report-

Attachment: Revenue Sources Presentation

#### **Convene as the Behavioral Health Local Authority (4:00 PM)**

**Tonja B Hanson made a motion to convene as the Behavioral Health Local Authority. Canice Harte seconded, and all voted in favor, (5-0).**

- 1) **Consideration and approval of the FY25 Local Authority Budget & Area Plan; Aaron Newman and Pamella Bello (4:24 PM)**

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Attachment: Presentation Area Plan FY25

Aaron Newman, *Director of Behavioral Health*, presented to the council information on the FY25 Local Authority Budget and Area plan. Pamella Bello, *ICPS's Director of Behavioral Health*, presented council with some statistics on the prevention annual report, discussed some of the events/classes held for the community, and presented to the council a list of the partnerships throughout the community involved with prevention efforts.

Council members asked questions and made comments. Aaron Newman, *Director of Behavioral Health*, responded.

**Roger Armstrong made a motion to approve the FY25 and direct the Behavioral Health Division to submit the area plan to the Office of substance abuse, mental health for the continuation and funding for mental health and substance abuse prevention in Summit County.. Tonja B Hanson seconded, and all voted in favor, (5-0).**

2) ***Consideration and possible approval of School-Based Services Plan and Contract; Aaron Newman and Ryan Stack (4:24 PM)***

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Attachment: Staff\_Report\_FY25\_U-TTEC.pdf

Aaron Newman, *Director of Behavioral Health*, and Ryan Stack, *Deputy County Attorney*, presented council information on the School-Based Services Plan and Contract. Ryan Stack, *Deputy County Attorney*, asked for direction from the council and informed them that this item was not ready for a vote. Based on the direction from the council today, they would engage with UTEC and put a contract together, once the contract is complete, they will bring it back to the council for final approval.

Council member Roger Armstrong, asked some follow up questions, to which Ryan Stack, *Deputy County Attorney* and Aaron Newman, *Director of Behavioral Health*, responded.

3) ***Consideration and possible approval of Healthy U. Behavioral Service Contract Extension; Aaron Newman and Ryan Stack (4:33 PM)***

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Attachment: Staff\_Report\_FY25\_Extension.pdf

Aaron Newman, *Director of Behavioral Health*, presented council information and the plan for the Healthy U. Behavioral Service Contract Extension. *Deputy County Attorney*, Ryan Stack provided council information on the meeting they had today with Healthy U. Behavioral. Ryan Stack, *Deputy County Attorney*, also informed council that this item was not ready for approval. Once the contract is complete, they will bring it back to council for final approval.

Council members asked questions and made comments. Aaron Newman, *Director of Behavioral Health* and Ryan Stack, *Deputy County Attorney*, responded.

#### **Dismiss as the Behavioral Health Local Authority (4:59 PM)**

**Canice Harte made a motion to dismiss as the Behavioral Health Local Authority. Roger Armstrong seconded, and all voted in favor, (5-0).**

- 1) ***Discussion and approval of Application for Property Tax Exemption of 501(c)(3) organization; Chase Black, Helen Strachan, and Stephanie Poll*** (5:01 PM)

Attachment: 501c3 Exemptions Staff Report 2024.05.01.pdf

Chase Black, *Chief Deputy Auditor* provided council with an update on the application for a property tax exemption of 501(c)(3).

Darin Haskell, *Director, and COO*, of Ivory Innovations presented to the council.

*Chief Civil Deputy County Attorney*, Dave Thomas, reminded Council Chair Malena Stevens that the applicant needs to be sworn in as part of their testimony. The applicant was sworn in and continued his presentation to the council.

Council members asked follow-up questions to which Mr. Haskell and Mr. Black responded.

Council member Canice Harte asked what the Assessor's position was on this application. Stephanie Poll, *County Assessor*, responded to Mr. Harte.

Stephanie Poll, *County Assessor*, stated that the Assessor's office is charged with equalizing a tax base. While they do want to support non-profits, she does have to consider all taxpayers within the county. Stephanie Poll, *County Assessor*, stated that if the council wants to make a vote in the affirmative, then her office would review and consider an appeal to the State Tax Commission for clarification.

Darin Haskell, *Director, and COO*, of Ivory Innovations stated that if this application was denied they will appeal as well because it's inconsistent with what they have seen in other counties. Stephanie Poll, *County Assessor*, responded to Mr. Haskell.

Council members had some follow up questions to which Stephanie Poll, *County Assessor*, and Helen Strachan, *Deputy County Attorney*, responded.

**Roger Armstrong made a motion to approve of the Application for Property Tax Exemption of 501(c)(3) organization, Ivory Innovations as contained in the packet. Tonja B Hanson seconded, and all voted in favor, (5-0).**

#### **Dismiss as the Board of Equalization (5:26 PM)**

**Roger Armstrong made a motion to dismiss as the Board of Equalization and convene as the County Council.. Tonja B Hanson seconded, and all voted in favor, (5-0).**

**Consideration of Approval (5:26 PM)**

- 1) ***Discussion and action regarding a tax lien sale property, parcel SA-254-2; Chase Black* (5:26 PM)**

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Attachment: 2024.05.01 Tax Sale Staff Report.pdf

Chase Black, *Chief Deputy Auditor* provided council a quick update and information on a tax lien sale property for parcel SA-254-2

**Roger Armstrong made a motion to approve to remove parcel SA-254-2 from this years tax sale.. Tonja B Hanson seconded, and all voted in favor, (5-0).**

- 2) ***Discussion and approval of revised Summit County Weed Control Program Policies 2024; Dave Bingham* (5:30 PM)**

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Attachment: 2024 Weed Division Policy-Clean.docx

Attachment: 2024 Weed Division Policy-Redline.pdf

Dave Bingham, *Weed Superintendent* provided council information and update on the revised Summit County Weed Control Program Policies 2024.

Council member Roger Armstrong encouraged other council members to attend a Weed Board meeting. He asked about helicopters spraying weeds and the herbicides getting into the water. Dave Bingham, *Weed Superintendent*, responded informing the council that if they have agreements with landowners, they know where their waterways are to avoid those areas being sprayed with herbicides.

Council member Tonja Hanson asked about the A and B species and control of noxious weeds on county right of way. Council members suggested having that included in the policies. Dave Bingham, *Weed Superintendent*, responded.

**Tonja B Hanson made a motion to approve the revised Summit County Weed Control Program Policies for 2024 with the addition as discussed (h) county right a ways and county owned property under the weed division priorities. Roger Armstrong seconded, and all voted in favor, (5-0).**

- 3) ***Discussion and action on request by Sundance Institute regarding a County-sponsored project; Shayne Scott and Luna Banuri* (5:47 PM)**

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Attachment: Staff Report-Sundance Request.pdf

Attachment: 2024 Application-Sundance Institute.pdf

Shayne Scott, *County Manager* introduced the topic and provided a background on the Sundance Institute sponsored project.

Luna Banuri, introduced herself and presented council information on the Sundance Institute regarding a County-Sponsored project.

Council members commented and asked questions. Shayne Scott, *County Manager*, Dave Thomas, *Chief Civil Deputy County Attorney*, and Luna Banuri responded. Further discussion was had.

**Roger Armstrong made a motion to approve request by Sundance Institute under the manager's recommendation regarding a County-sponsored project. Tonja B Hanson seconded, and the motion carried, (3-2).**

**Roger Armstrong voted AYE**

**Malena Stevens voted AYE**

**Tonja B Hanson voted AYE**

**Christopher Robinson voted NAY**

**Canice Harte voted NAY**

*Chief Civil Deputy County Attorney*, Dave Thomas, stated that in an electronic meeting, if it's not unanimous then there has to be a roll call vote. Stated here.

- 4) **Council Minutes dated May 10, 2023, May 24, 2023, March 19, 2024, March 20, 2024, March 21, 2024, March 27, 2024, and March 29, 2024 (5:30 PM)**

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Attachment: SCC\_Draft\_Min\_3-20-24

Attachment: SCC\_Draft\_Min\_3-21-24

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Attachment: SCC\_Draft\_Min\_3-29-24

Attachment: SCC\_Draft\_Min\_5-10-23

Attachment: SCC\_Draft\_Min\_5-24-23

**Roger Armstrong made a motion to approve Council Minutes dated March 19, 2024, as contained in the packet.. Canice Harte**

**seconded, and all voted in favor, (3-0).**

**Roger Armstrong made a motion to Council Minutes dated March 20, 2024, as contained in the packet. Canice Harte seconded, and all voted in favor, (3-0).**

**Roger Armstrong made a motion to approve Council Minutes dated March 21, 2024, as contained in the packet. Canice Harte seconded, and all voted in favor, (3-0).**

**Roger Armstrong made a motion to approve Council Minutes dated March 27, 2024, as contained in the packet. Tonja B Hanson seconded, and all voted in favor, (5-0).**

**Tonja B Hanson made a motion to approve Council Minutes dated March 29, 2024, as contained in the packet. Roger Armstrong seconded, and all voted in favor, (5-0).**

**Roger Armstrong made a motion to approve Council Minutes dated May 10, 2023, as contained in the packet. Tonja B Hanson seconded, and all voted in favor, (5-0).**

**Roger Armstrong made a motion to approve Council Minutes dated May 24, 2023, as contained in the packet. Tonja B Hanson seconded, and all voted in favor, (5-0).**

**5) Council comments (6:15 PM)**

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Council member Tonja Hanson gave an update on activities on behalf of the county.

Council member Canice Harte gave an update on activities on behalf of the county.

Council Chair Malena Stevens gave an update on activities on behalf of the county.

Council member Roger Armstrong informed the council on an upcoming show.

**6) Manager comments (5:50 PM)**

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*County Manager*, Shayne Scott, gave an update on activities on behalf of the county. County Chair Malena Stevens asked Shayne to pause to open the meeting for public input.

*County Manager*, Shayne Scott, continued his update on activities on behalf of the county.

**Public Input (6:23 PM)**

Attachment: MentalHealthAwarenessAllianceHandout

Council Chair Malena Stevens opened the meeting for public input.

Ed Rutan, from the Summit County Mental Wellness Alliance, gave the council an update on upcoming activities and a new free program.

Council Chair Malena Stevens closed the meeting for public input.

**Council Communications (6:28 PM)**

No council communications were discussed.

**Adjournment (6:29 PM)**

**Tonja B Hanson made a motion to adopt Adjourn. Christopher Robinson seconded, and all voted in favor, (5-0).**