

**WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 18, 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 June 18, 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: Gary Webster

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Commander James Shaffer, American Legion Post 90

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 June 5, 2024 through June 18, 2024
- Consideration of Regular Commission Meeting Minutes of June 4, 2024
- Consideration of Ash Creek Special Service District Meeting Minutes of June 4, 2024
- Consideration of Work meeting Minutes of June 4, 2024
- Consideration of Administrative Adjustments: Real Property
- Consideration of Administrative Adjustments: Personal Property
- Consideration of Application(s) for Property Tax Abatement (1): Christopher Stout, A/N 504467
- Acknowledgement of Adoption of Ordinances 2024-1263-O, 2024-1264-O and 2024-1265-O Published on Sunday, June 9, 2024
- Consideration of Contract Amendment for Increased State Funding for Children's Justice Center Expansion Expenses

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

PRAYER BY: Reverend Alex Wilkie, Retired Baptist Minister

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:

2023 YEAR IN REVIEW VIDEO:

Commissioner Almquist introduced the eighth of twelve 2023 Year in Review videos, which was then shared. This video highlighted the Jail Expansion Project.

EMERGENCY SERVICES REPORT: WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Sargent Darrel Cashin with the Washington County Sheriff's Office reported there were twelve Search and Rescue (SAR) call outs between May 21st, 2024 and June 18th, 2024 for a total of 254 hours. There have been a total of 55 SAR incidents in 2024.

(See attached report.)

CONSIDERATION OF PURCHASE REQUESTS:

Children's Justice Center, Replacement HVAC Unit (Ratification)	(\$17,021.00)
Fair, Hotel Rooms for Various Events	(\$18,083.95)
Legacy Park, Harmony Building Restroom Remodel	(\$55,619.50)
Legacy Park, Landscaping and Block Wall	(\$53,975.00)
Legacy Park, Outdoor Equipment	(\$22,701.27)
Roads, Road Materials for 2024 Chip Seal Projects	(\$225,225.00)
Roads, Chip Seal Oil for 2024 Projects	(\$487,900.00)
Roads, Chip Seal Oil for Native Gravel Roads	(\$328,530.00)
Tourism, Gold Production Media Partnership	(\$85,000.00)
Library, Youth Learning Centers (Grant Funded)	(\$27,726.00)

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

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

REPORT AND CONSIDERATION OF 2024 WASHINGTON COUNTY TAX SALE

Clerk-Auditor Ryan Sullivan reported on three properties that were sold during the 2024 Tax Sale. Two properties, parcels 4191-A-2-L-HV and H-GANV-B-15-A were sold at auction. Any excess funds collected over the amount owed are allocated to the recorded lien holders or property owner.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Iverson to Ratify the Two Sold Properties During the Washington County Tax Sale. Motion seconded by Commissioner Snow and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Almquist, Iverson and Snow voting aye.

Mr. Sullivan requested that property W-208-C be stricken to Washington County, as it is a portion of a roadway in Washington City. Washington County will communicate with Washington City to deed this roadway portion to the City.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Snow to Strike Property W-208-C to Washington County. Motion seconded by Commissioner Iverson and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Almquist, Iverson and Snow voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF THE 2024 CERTIFIED TAX RATES FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY

Mr. Sullivan explained the certified tax rate for Washington County will be as follows: General Operations rate is 0.000373; the Interest and Sinking Fund/Bond is 0.000010; the Library Rate is 0.000129 for a total budgeted revenue of \$18,888,179. The County Assessing & Collecting Rate is 0.000230 for a total budget of \$8,589.926.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Snow to Approve 2024 Certified Tax Rates. Motion seconded by Commissioner Iverson and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Almquist, Iverson and Snow voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF PROCLAMATION NO. 2024-35, A PROCLAMATION DECLARING JUNE 19, 2024 AS JUNETEENTH IN WASHINGTON COUNTY

Deputy County Attorney Devin Snow stated that Washington County has recognized this holiday since 2022, but this is the first time there has been a Proclamation regarding Juneteenth. He then read the Proclamation aloud.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Iverson to Approve Proclamation No. 2024-35, A Proclamation Declaring June 19, 2024 as Juneteenth in Washington County. Motion seconded by Commissioner Snow and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Almquist, Iverson and Snow voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE NO. 2024-1266-O, AN ORDINANCE REZONING A CERTAIN PORTION OF WASHINGTON COUNTY LOCATED AT APPROXIMATELY 1400 E 2200 N IN NEW HARMONY FROM THE OSC-20 ZONE (OPEN SPACE CONSERVATION 20 ACRE MINIMUM LOT SIZE) TO THE A-20 ZONE (AGRICULTURAL 20 ACRE MINIMUM LOT SIZE), HEREINAFTER FULLY DESCRIBED IN THIS ORDINANCE (APPLICANT – DUSTY PULSIPHER)

Commissioner Almquist moved to table this item.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Snow to Table Ordinance No. 2024-1266-O, An Ordinance Rezoning a Certain Portion of Washington County Located at Approximately 1400 E 2200 N in New Harmony From the OSC-20 Zone (Open Space Conservation 20 Acre Minimum Lot Size) to the A-20 Zone (Agricultural 20 Acre Minimum Lot Size), Hereinafter Fully Described in This Ordinance (Applicant – Dusty Pulsipher). Motion seconded by Commissioner Iverson and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Almquist, Iverson, and Snow voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2024-3321, A RESOLUTION DEMONSTRATING WASHINGTON COUNTY'S SUPPORT AND APPROVAL OF TRT FUNDING FOR MATCHING FUNDING FOR THE UTAH OFFICE OF TOURISM CO-OP MARKETING PROGRAM

Greater Zion Marketing Manager Sara Otto explained there is an annual co-op funding process from the Utah Office of Tourism, and this Resolution will affirm that Washington County will match up to \$250,000 in matching funds to attract out of state visitors to Washington County.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Snow to Adopt Resolution No. R-2024-3321, A Resolution Demonstrating Washington County's Support and Approval of TRT Funding for Matching Funding for the Utah Office of Tourism Co-Op Marketing Program. Motion seconded by Commissioner Iverson and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Almquist, Iverson, and Snow voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2024-3322, A RESOLUTION APPROVING A MARKETING SPONSORSHIP AGREEMENT WITH BLACK DESERT RESORT

Sports and Adventure Manager Chad McWilliams explained that Black Desert Resort is scheduled to host annual PGA and LPGA tournaments beginning in 2024. Greater Zion has negotiated an agreement for marketing sponsorship with Black Desert Resort, including placement at events and over 50 commercials on the golf channel.

John Coolbaugh with Black Desert Resort relayed the excitement of the Black Desert team for the upcoming events.

Koko Head, full time managing council for Black Desert, mentioned upcoming developments in the Black Desert area, including homes and restaurants.

Dani Eilander discussed her excitement to live in Washington County full time and to be a part of Black Desert.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Snow to Adopt Resolution No. R-2024-3322, A Resolution Approving a Marketing Sponsorship Agreement with Black Desert Resort. Motion seconded by Commissioner Iverson and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Almquist, Iverson, and Snow voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2024-3323, A RESOLUTION APPROVING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH SANTA-CLARA IVINS FOR ANIMAL SHELTER SERVICES

Mr. Snow stated that Santa Clara-Ivins animal shelter has space available for sheltering animals that have been picked up within Washington County and are willing to provide limited impound or sheltering services.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Iverson to Adopt Resolution No. R-2024-3323, A Resolution Approving a Memorandum of Understanding with Santa-Clara Ivins for Animal Shelter Services. Motion seconded by Commissioner Snow and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Almquist, Iverson, and Snow voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2024-3324, A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDED AGREEMENT WITH WEST PUBLISHING CORPORATION FOR LEGAL RESEARCH SERVICES

Mr. Snow related that this is an amended contract to provide legal research services used by the Washington County Attorney's Office.

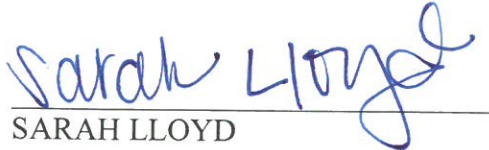
MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Iverson to Adopt Resolution No. R-2024-3324, A Resolution Approving an Amended Agreement with West Publishing Corporation for Legal Research Services. Motion seconded by Commissioner Snow and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Almquist, Iverson, and Snow voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2024-3325, A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING FUNDING FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES ON PHASE 1 OF THE ZION CANYON SEWER EXTENSION PROJECT

Regional Tourism Regulatory Affairs Director Heath Hansen explained the Utah Legislature previously appropriated \$18 million dollars to the County to fund the Zion Canyon sewer extension and trail expansion project. Ash Creek Special Service District and Sunrise Engineering have negotiated to complete engineering design services for the first phase of a sewer line extension. This resolution provides for the county's reimbursement of costs for the design services.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Snow to Adopt Resolution No. R-2024-3325, A Resolution Appropriating Funding for Engineering Services on Phase 1 of the Zion Canyon Sewer Extension Project with \$202,100 going to Sunrise Engineering and \$5,000 going to Ash Creek Special Service District. Motion seconded by Commissioner Iverson and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Almquist, Iverson, and Snow voting aye.

Having no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:02 p.m.



SARAH LLOYD
DEPUTY CLERK



GIL ALMQUIST
COMMISSION CHAIR